De Vere F. Baker, Shipbuiler, Also Designer and Builder of 'Lehi' Aims to Prove Book of Mormon Story

San Francisco, June, 1954—Final outfitting of the raft "Lehi" has been completed and everything is in readiness for a Kon-Tiki type 2,800-mile survival and scientific cruise to the Hawaiian Islands which leaves from the bay Area on July 4 at 8:00 a.m. manned by an adventurous crew of six.

Head of the Lehi Scientific Expedition, Inc., is DeVere F. Baker, a Petaluma shipbuilder who has won both the Army and Navy "E" awards for shipbuilding light craft during World War II. The expedition will attempt to retrace Lehi's original voyage in 1355, following a 1954 try-out cruise to Honolulu.

Baker, 38, has been interested in rafts all his life and has built and perfected them since early boyhood. In discussing the "Lehi," Baker says, "This is by far the largest raft I have ever constructed —and the most sea-worthy one. It will take us nearly 25,000 miles over the face of the globe before we are through."

The longer trip Baker plans from the Gulf of Persia to Central America is patterned after the writings of Prince Ixilhoxitl, as Baker "blue-blood," who claims that a "white race" were the original colonizers of Central America around 1350 B.C. and a second group about 600 B.C., coming from Palestine. Persistent ocean and ocean currents are expected to carry the raft, a 16 x 32 foot, seven-ton pentagon-shaped craft, to its destination.

Baker is a former Ogden and West Point, Davis County, resident. He now resides in Petaluma, Calif., where for a time he served as president of the Petaluma branch, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was a wartime shipbuilder in the Henry J. Kaiser yards and supervised the construction of the raft at a shipyard he now owns in Sausalito, Calif. He was born in Tremonton, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker. He is author of several books, one of which was illustrated by the 23-year-old Hawks, who will accompany the expedition.

Hawks was born in Ogden, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Judge. He attended Ogden schools and was active in sports. He starred at the Weber College football squad, and at 13 he broke a shot-put record at a BYU field day.

The crew of the Lehi Scientific Expedition, Inc., will consist of De Vere F. Baker, shipbuilder; Keith Pope, Alameda author-newspaperman; Judge L. Hawks, University of Utah art student; Leonard Karawyer, Petaluma attorney; Al Cunningham, San Francisco commercial artist, and Odd Bjerke, Airman First Class, graduate of Army Medical School, assigned to the Lehi raft expedition by Army-Air Force for scientific observation. He is one of the Army-Air Force's top survival experts.

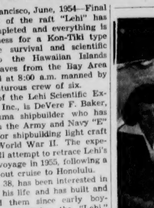
The administrative director of the expedition, Dr. Arthur Fearon of the University of San Francisco commented on the proposed trip by stating, "The cruise by members of the 'Lehi' is a fabulous effort to prove many historical and scientific problems which has been questioned by the experts for years."

Fearon went on to state that a total of 15 professionals, 18 nationalities, and five different religions are represented by the crew—a real American group.

Scores of firms have offered to help outfit the raft with scores of free (no handouts) and leaders of the expedition have reported excellent cooperation with private and commercial ventures, including the assignment of one of its top survival men by the Army-Air Force.

Only a seaworthy radio and an auxiliary motor are needed. The motor will be used to clear reefs and make harbor approaches. Only a few gallons of gas will be taken along. The craft will depend soley upon wind and currents for its propulsion.

The crew will almost circle the earth by the time the first and second trips are completed. The 1954 version of Lehi's trek across thousands of miles of sea will trend to support the "Kon-Tiki" theory of migration—only from the opposite direction.



The DeVere F. Bakers in their Petaluma home. DeVere F. and Nola have two daughters.

UTAH NEWS

Noon Hour Devoted To Scripture Reading

Strange to most industrial pastels, a Magna, Utah, copper company's boiler shop gives way each day at 12:30 p.m. to scripture reading by 25 to 30 workmen. Discussion follows. You guessed it—An LDS group.

NEW YORKER SEES UTAH AS TOP A-POWER STATE

Utah can be the top producer of atomic power in the land, predicted R. S. Ramsey, N. Y. C., editor of a mining journal, before the S. L. C. Rotary Club, June 3. "Utah mines uranium ahead of other states; why should Utah not refine it and develop the power too," he queried. "There is terrific opportunity here."

"HAWK OF THE MOUNTAINS"

"Walkava, Hawk of the Mountains," by Paul Bailey, is said to be a fine history of early Utah built around the exploits of a fabulous Indian, Chief Walkava. Bailey is an exhaustive researcher and a powerful novelist and historian, as shown by his "San Brannon."

OLIVER COWDERY FILM

An all-color film by Seagull Productions, "Oliver Cowdery," is now available through Honord K. Smith Films Inc., 2408 W. 7th St., Los Angeles.

It tells the story of a young school teacher who ascribed his name to a document stating that he was one of three witnesses to behold golden plates.

This is the second film produced and written by Smith and Ruth Hale and Mel Marshall, already famous for dramatic productions in the Los Angeles area.

Palo Alto Story Told By Early Resident

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Now we were really beginning to strain at the seams of our tiny chapel. We added a Relief Society room, using one of the patios and buying a lot next door. We later bought the lot back of the chapel property and finally another piece of a neighbor's holdings—with an easement to the alley which we were going to enlarge our building.

During the following years came a succession of bishops—Rulon Paxman for a few weeks, Albert S. Hanson, Dallas A. Tueller, Hubert Hall (one student), Richard B. Sonne, Lund Johnson, and finally our present bishop, Dee Jones.

Rapid Growth

The ward grew amazingly, even though both Redwood City and Mountain View had long since been taken away from us. The membership was 232 in 1935 and 500 by 1946. We no longer became accustomed to a membership of 500 than we had to move over in our seats for one thousand by 1950. It was a real battle under our crowded condition.

Before the ward was finally divided recently into the Menlo Park and Palo Alto Wards we were feverishly hammering and nailing together a remodeled Palo Alto-Menlo Park Ward building to house over 1200 members. It was dedicated December 13, 1953.

The next ward chapel to be built will probably be in Menlo Park because both Palo Alto and Menlo Park Wards are growing so fast.

In all these years we have known nothing but unity and brotherhood. We have loved each other and have richly and deeply enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord in our relations one with another. There has been much going and coming; many welcomed and goodbyes. As soon as we learn to love a family dearly, it has gone on to a larger field somewhere else, but always leaving behind dear memories. Some of these members' fine testimonies and sweet spirit have been rubbed off on the Palo Alto Ward, and have left us richer for their coming among us.

17 on the patio of Primary President Altha McManus to start off the summer Primary program.

Thanks to Sister Anna Leone Paxton for such an interesting and informative lecture on "The Church in Early California His-tory."

Summer Activities Hit High Tempo

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Powell, is studying the Doctrine and Covenants, meeting alternate Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at homes of the group members.

Bonnie Odom, will teach in the Junior Sunday School.

J. N. Washburn, instructor in the department of religion of Carbon College, Price, Utah, addressed the Book of Mormon class recently. Mr. Washburn is a coauthor with his late father, of a book treating of Book of Mormon geography.

Elva Hutchison, our organist, is vacationing with her family in Michigan, Washington D.C., and New York.

Rebecca Ann, daughter of the Grant Powells, was blessed by her father on last Fast Day.

Jean Healy has recently won an essay contest given by the Orinda Lion's Club on "What the Constitution Means To Me". Marilyn Healy has just been appointed student director of the Acalanes High School band.

Visiting the Frank Eggertsens are Frank's parents, the B. B. Eggertsens from Payson, Utah.

A Primary party was held June

Genealogy—Ways and Means

By Mary Lou Harline
1771 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek

Richard Sobers, 132 Cravan Street, Vallejo, of the Vallejo First Ward, has written this column that he is working on the Parsons line, descendants of Cornet Joseph Parsons, who was born near Gr. Torrington, Devonshire, England. He had a brother, "Deacon" Benjamin Parsons. Bro. Sobers has a book on the line of Cornet Joseph Parsons, compiled by Henry Parsons in 1912. He would be glad to give information to anyone else who is working on this line. In asking him for data, be sure to give as much identification about your ancestors as you can.

Ward Committee Activities

Chairman Frank Beck of the San Rafael Genealogical Committee reports a new spirit of enthusiasm for genealogy in the Greenbrae Ward following the successful completion of over fifty Books of Remembrances with the first steps of pedigree building. This was in connection with the "Basic Facts Review Course" given recently by Mrs. Gustav E. Schier, research director of the San Francisco Stake genealogy committee. Special certificates were designed and awarded to those who completed their books.

Sister Mildred Winfree, member of the genealogy committee in the San Leandro Ward, reports that a similar but enthusiastic group there is working hard at genealogy. The committee meets once a week on Tuesday evenings at the San Leandro chapel, where they are accumulating a small library and spend their time working out individual problems in genealogy. Members of the church are invited to attend and receive assistance. Committee members also visit the homes of members who request assistance.

Brother J. D. Williams, chairman of East Richmond genealogy committee, has been holding weekly classes in his home and is to be congratulated for his helpfulness to beginners and more advanced genealogists in his ward.

What is the genealogy committee doing in your ward or stake? Perhaps through the Messenger you can reach an interested member who otherwise might not know of your program.

Research Correspondence

Mrs. Helen Stolzenburg, a member of the Mission Ward Genealogy Class, knows the value of correspondence. Following the instructions of Sister Schier, the class leader, she wrote to the burgomeister of both Sinsheim and Frankfort in Germany and requested that he put her in touch with her relatives, of the names Ruker and Stolzenburg.

His reply was so helpful that now her son, Pvt. W. A. Stolzenburg, on duty with the Army in Germany, will have the opportunity of visiting with relatives in their homes and collecting family records and pictures.

Summer Projects

Summer time means trips "off the beaten path," which many times can mean the locating of old tombstones or markers. A note book, and a pencil in the car may soon be "finding of someone's lost ancestor." Copy all possible data—do not reduce or select parts—copy all, and copy it verbatim, even if some words seem to be misspelled. Also make a list of small libraries having genealogical books and records that you may locate in your travels and report to the ward committee for their file.

A suggestion for summer ward committee members—to give you a flying start into fall activity: make a survey of the genealogical material in the form of remembrance, printed family histories, magazine clippings or news items, in each family, and find out whether there is any steady progressive program of genealogical research and temple work being followed. When this data is assembled, the chairman for home teaching programs may then assign the different teachers to the various homes where they can be most helpful.

Research Manual Available Again

The popular demand for the San Francisco Stake Genealogical Reference Book, 1953 edition, has made a reprint necessary, and these new books may be secured at once, price $1.50 each, or $1.75 by mail. Address your requests to Mrs. G. E. Schier, 2700 22nd Street, San Francisco 10, Calif. Some new material has been added to this edition. It is arranged for easy reference and each part is complete and may be used as a lesson, or a supplement to any study group. It should be an invaluable addition to any ward library.

Jr. Fireside Enjoys Swim

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been enjoying a summer vacation with relatives in Salt Lake City, the former home.

Doris Lott, daughter of the G. L. Lotts, and Dorothyt Wanlass, daughter of the R. L. Wanlass' are home for summer vacation from school duties at BYU in Provo, Utah. Miss Lott is now employed at Union Oil Company, Oleum.

Miss Wahlass is visiting with the Harold Severson's in Sacramento.

The Relief Society spent a pleasant closing party a June night at the home of Geneva Wanlass on Lake Avenue.

Oakland, Berkeley Stake Genealogical Workers at Assembly

At the two-stake genealogical convention in Berkeley, May 30, Pres. Luke Robinson reported an active working genealogical organization in each ward in Oakland Stake, while Pres. C. Ronald Smith stated that the highlight of Berkeley Stake's genealogical season had been the large attendance of 75 to 100 at a six week's series of research conferences by Mrs. Gustave Schier, and the many books of remembrance presented by members at these sessions.

Attending the annual convention and addressing all sessions was Elder James M. Kirkham of the Church Geological Association. Individual letter writing as a tool of research was stressed by Elder Kirkham. Home teaching by genealogical committees was also urged.

Change in Hairship

The shift in hairship names on temple sheets in genealogical work from the current practice to the name of a family representative doing the work was explained as a means for increasing efficiency in checking records through the archives and also providing names wherever one goes to the temples.

Jr. Fireside and special interest talks, as well as regular genealogical Sunday school classes were reported in Oakland Stake as making excellent progress. The goal is a family record in every family in the stake.

Elder Kirkham stated that genealogical work has been stepped up greatly by the fact that three new temples are now under construction at one time; in Switzerland, Los Angeles.

Mr. Foster, an ardent lay genealogist of Oakland attended the convention and displayed on a long table a 24-foot long pedigree chart.

Pres. Smith reported the Fourth ward organization, the Gamma Rho Chi, as again organized, and that 16 of the girls are soon to take an excursion to the Salt Lake Temple.

Oakland Stake Buys 135-Acre Pleasanton Farm

Oakland Stake recently acquired title to a 135-acre irrigated welfare farm in the Pleasanton area.

The plan is to develop a dairy and beef animal farm on this acreage, growing grain and pasturage as needed. Acreage for forage crops, beans and corn will also be provided.

The farm at present has growing crops of wheat and barley, which were purchased with the land. At present Oakland Stake has two welfare crops growing: a tomato project in San Lorenzo, and a bean project on the stake welfare lot on Gould Street, Oakland.

How Religious Is America As Shown By Latest Surveys

The American Institute of Public Opinion reports in late 1953 that 94 per cent of Americans say they believe in God.

This compares with other nation percentages: Brazil 96, Australia 95, Canada 94, Norway 84, Finland 83, Sweden, Denmark and Holland 80, France 66.

Forty-five per cent believe in a personal God while 39 per cent believe in some sort of spirit or vital force, and 16 per cent were not sure how they visualized God.

Of college freshmen, 88 per cent say they believe in God, while 83 per cent of the seniors so report.

Three out of four people believe in immortality.

Five Ward Speakers Heard During Month

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Utah, where they attended the graduation from the BYU of their son, Kendall.

Confirmed: Eugene Musser Kirkham, son of Frances R. and Ellis Kirkham.

Blessings: John Patrick Mulkern, son of James A. and Rose Marie Mulkern. Kim Lance Stracke, son of Eugene O. and Gloria Stracke, Jo Dean Brower, daughter of Walter Le Roy and Billie Brower. Stephen Keith Murray, son of Charles Keith and Inez Murray. Cathleen Hamilton, daughter of Harold Frand and Eileen Hamilton. Laura Louise La Bar, daughter of Bryce Harold and Evelyn La Bar.

THE SINGING MOTHERS of Oakland Stake with Estherella Olszowka of Oakland First Ward as guest conductor and Delia Bates, accompanist, has been heard in Oakland Stake conferences and at a Stake Relief Society chorister, and director of the Singing Mothers organization for Oakland Stake.

The members of this year's Singing Mothers include the following names:

CHORUS MEMBERS

Oakland I, Esthrella Olszowka, Rena Loverin, Vertina Fjellstrom, Catherine Curry, Margaret Miller, Violet Higham, Marilyn Goodrich, Donna Weir, Eunice Morgan and Grace Henry. Oakland II, Doris Smemoe, Leona Bennett, Evangeline Pedler, Rena Shipper, Zehora Bass, Essie Pollock, Lavona Smith, Grace Kealohapauole and Louise Rodriguez.

Oakland III, Hazel Allen, Melvet Rainey, Lula McCarthy, Cleo Ricks, Bruce Harkins, Rose Clark, Nela VanNoy, Nellie Watell, Mavis Humphries and Catherine Keal. Oakland IV, Jane Lauper, Erva Wilson, Hattie Robinson and Elsie Sorenson. Oakland V, Ruth Pinkney, Violet Christensen, Gene Mills, Annabele Hart, Dorothy Goesch and LaPreal Moody.

Alameda, Alice Moore, Cora Halford, Helene Christensen, Lucille Holladay, Katherine Napoleon, Mantania Fonoemana, Fannie Beasey, Alitha Ben T'Hoff and Eva Peterson. Hayward, Vera Crockett, Gwen Wolo, Carol Stewart, Alice Johns, Hertha Tanner, Ruth Wilson and Elain McCracken.

San Leandro, Metha Day, Ina Fell, Bertha Hamilton, Shirlene Webster, Verl Moore, Myrtle Davidson, Rose Snyder, Arilla Price, Anna Cabeen, Irene Dutson, Edith Lindsey and Nell Christensen. San Lorenzo, Elaine Romer, Evelyn Nauman, Helen Roberts, Tess Steed, Jeanette McBride, Helen Ream, Laura Rogers, LouVell Madsen, Mira Kai, Kitta Engberson, Helen Crane, Ronnie Clark, Elaine Brizzs, Jane Dunn, Katherine Sneed, Metta Tweedie, Bessie Ogden, Esther Paulson, Ruth Bigler and Grace Hansen.

Castro Valley, Inez McFadden, Zora Shirtliff, Elfonda Barker, Edna Stokes, Naomi Boilly, Ada Wiseman, Ora Kirk, LaDean Christensen, Afton Johns and Gail Stout. Livermore, Hazel Ball, Joan Bybee, Ann Danes, Erma Nielson and Georgia White.

The Livermore Singing Mothers do not appear in the photograph. Deep apologies are offered in advance to any member whose name has been omitted. We have tried to include everyone. Centerville sang with the mothers last year but not during the present season and hence are not named above.

Pratt Regretted Early Leniency Shown Brannon

Since July brings the anniversary of Sam Brannon-saints in California, we quote:

"According to Elder Parley P. Pratt, Brannan in the eastern branches of the Church was associated with Wm. Smith, brother of the Prophet, and one of the twelve, and George J. Adams et al, "in corrupting the saints by introducing among them all manner of false doctrine and immoral practices, by which many of them had stumbled and had been seduced from virtue and truth, while many others, seeing the iniquity of these brethren, had turned away from the Gospel and joined various dissenting parties." Brannan was first unsuccessful while still in New York and then reinstated after he went to Nauvoo and asked pardon.

Elder Pratt in after years lamented this leniency shown to Brannan in New York. According to the apostle's statement, Brannan was a "corrupt and wicked man," and disgraced himself and the Cause in his wider and more responsible career in California. And had there been less leniency shown him in New York, "it would have saved the Church much loss," says Pratt, and, perhaps, saved some souls that were corrupted in California and led astray and plundered by him."

Gamma Rho Chi Girls Enjoy Trip to Utah

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until he has completed a Naval Cruise which will take him from Havana Cuba to Quebec, Canada.

The Gamma Rho Chi was reorganized on June 13. Elder Chas. Finnell has been called to fill a stake mission. Released with him were Richard Miller and Arvil D. Sumsion. Elder Miller was set apart as superintendent, Kenneth Worrell, and Arvil D. Sumsion, assistants.

The Mutual has recently sustained Elder Cornilia as the new Junior M-men leader for the coming year. Don Clark along with his wife Marie and, were released form the Mutual. Don was transferred to Salt Lake City by the Air Force.

Loretta Nixon, who has been serving as a stake missionary and helping with Stake Relief, will fly to Germany the first of July to join her husband, Richard in Frankfort.

The Primary held the first Summer program with a "Round-Up" party at the City Hall recreation park June15.

Everyone that attended the play, "It's All in Your Head," on June 4, enjoyed a great play.

Brother and Sister Max Beck were hosts along with the Mutual Officers and teachers to a Bar-B-Que in honor of Brother and Sister Don Clark on June 19, at the home of the Becks. The Clarks have been transferred to Salt Lake City.

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We will retain all entries month after month, and each month we will choose and publish the best of the accumulation. So if one is next to best the first time, the same sentence may be best next time hence a winner.

The prize? Something very lovely and sacred, "In Memoriam, John A. Widtsoe, Scientist, Educator, Apostle," bound in a purple suede cover with gold lettering. It can not be purchased, but through the courtesy of "Bookcraft" we are permitted to give a few dozens to our winners and readers. Address all communications to H. W. Burgon, 634 27th Street, Richmond, Calif.

Yes, our last bungled sentence is so true: "Activated righteousness lives as long as we read good books." That second word, the great teaser, was "righteousness" spelled backwards.

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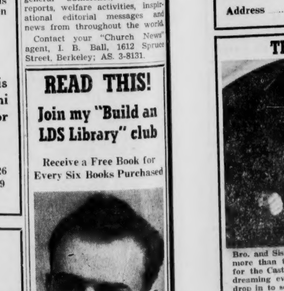

Bro. and Sis. Bliss Cook of 1653 - 162nd Ave., San Leandro, are more than thrilled with their latest acquisition. Lois, organist for the Castro-Valley Ward, says she still can't believe she's not dreaming every time she looks at her CHAPPELL. Folks who drop in to see it say they've never heard anything like it.

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1ST BYU EXTENSION CLASS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HELD IN HAYWARD CHAPEL

Hayward Ward won the high honor of having promoted and conducted the first Brigham Young University extension course ever given in Northern California.

This distinction was won for Oakland Stake and the members of Hayward Ward in July 1954, when the "Y" delivered a series of three evening lectures on the Book of Mormon in the new and commodius ward chapel, at 1000 Second St., Hayward, July 12-14.

Greeting Dr. Sperry and paying a suggested fee of $5.00 for the series of lectures was an audience of over 130 saints from various wards of the East Bay area, coming from as far as Martinez, Pittsburg, Berkeley First and Second, and Walnut Creek Wards.

Promoters and sponsors of this innovation in Latter-day Saint scholarship were the Sunday School superintendency of Hayward Ward, Bernard Stewart, superintendent; William J. Yeates and Lorin Palmer, counsellors. Elder Tanner served as committee chairman. Attendance at the lecture course was the ward welfare fund.

LECTURED IN SOUTHLAND

Dr. Sperry had previously set a similar "first" record when in 1950 he gave a similar religious extension lecture course on the Book of Mormon before five or six study groups in Southern California, over a three week period. Professor Sperry, trained in Semitic languages, oriental studies and Biblical literature, has given deep, exhaustive and prayerful study to the Book of Mormon. Among his published books are "Our Book of Mormon," "Book of Mormon Testifies," "Themes of the Restored Gospel," and "Voice of Israel's Prophets." Another book, "Spirit of the Old Testament," is out of print at the present. He is also author of "Ancient Records Testify," a manuals on the Pearl of Great Price. He has lectured extensively for several years before groups of Church members throughout Utah and Idaho.

LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Among the highlights of Dr. Sperry's lectures in Hayward was the declaration that the first of the three great messages of the Book of Mormon is a warning to this world. The second the position voiced by the prophets of the two great destroyed peoples whose record comprise that book: "Serve God or be swept off . . . when they are ripened in iniquity."

By DELSA WALTON

"And I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom." Doctrine of Covenants 88:77.

Thomas S. Ferguson, lawyer, president of Orinda Branch, and amateur archaeologist, devotes a great deal of his time to living up to that commandment. He gives many Book of Mormon lectures, using the archaeological approach.

Ever since his return in 1953 from the Book of Mormon lands where he went as a member of the Thomas S. Ferguson Archaeological Foundation. Tom has been very busy speaking to various groups of people. Using the Book of Mormon as an archaeology textbook, so to speak, Bro. Ferguson has been a guest speaker at meetings of different organizations one or twice a week for over a year.

These organizations include service clubs, sororities, two men's clubs of the Presbyterian Church, and a group of neighbors in Orinda. A partial list of his speaking engagements from February thru May, 1954, follows:

INSTANCES CITED

February, Charles Phillips, a contractor in Orinda, opened his home to a group of neighbors among those present was a member of the well-known Raskob family from New York City. There were three Lions clubs (Crockett, Pleasant Hills and Concord); before the Scioto Country Club Masonic luncheon group; before the Presbyterian Men's Club of Burlingame, at request of the manager of the National Register Company.

March. Dr. Seifert, who had been called to the Stanford Club, asked him to address the Confucious Club. The same day (18th) Tom addressed the Rotary Club of Oakland in the Hotel Claremont; before the Presbyterian Men's Club of Oakland in the Hotel Leamington; before the Pan-American club of San Jose, and on the same evening (29th) guest speaker at the adult education class of the San Jose schools.

April. The PEO Sorority of Hollywood was entertained in Elder Ferguson's message that they paid his expenses to fly down to speak at the Colt Ramsay Estate.

SUBJECT, BOOK OF MORMON

When talking to all of these groups, lecturer Ferguson says his subject is always the Book of Mormon from the archaeological point of view. He uses in his lectures slides that he took at the areas of the New World Expedition and artifacts that he brought back from the 1953 exploration.

The value of this work can be judged by the interest of the people who hear the lectures. In all cases curiosity in the Book of Mormon is awakened. In some people the interest becomes strong enough to cause people to study. People have publicly stated that they came into the Church because Elder Ferguson interested them in the Book of Mormon. Brother Bruce Campbell, a dentist of Orinda, so stated in his testimony last Fast Day.

John Bernhard, formerly of New York City, became so interested he studied and later was baptized and is now a member of the bishopric in Westwood, Los Angeles. Dr. Bernhard is professor of political science at UCLA.

CIVIC SERVICES

Thomas S. Ferguson is a very busy person in other ways: He is president of independent Orinda branch. He is a successful lawyer, (439-30th St., Oakland), he has written books on his archaeological findings and beliefs, one being, "American Archaeology and the Book of Mormon."

Tom doesn't neglect his civic responsibilities, either. He was president and is now a member of the board of directors of the Sleepy Hollow Improvement Association.

T. S. FERGUSON GIVES BOOK OF MORMON TALKS TO NON-CHURCH MEMBERS

Lehi Expedition Explains Present Future Plans

The Lehi Expedition group are sticking with their original plans and hope to see the goals achieved in time. They contend that the raft was not a failure but that a mishap to the boat caused much of the trouble. Otherwise the craft was man maneuverable and exceptionally safe and seaworthy. Hence they hope now to recover the raft and go on from there. Otherwise they think a second raft will be constructed and used to complete the project.

It is explained that on the last raft is very valuable equipment. The radio transmitter $2000 value; the generator $450; two outboard motors $800; a typewriter $120; a microscope $500; an inter-ocean radio and batteries $100; a big sextant and two compasses, two large antennae and each man's portion of gear.

The leaders of the Lehi expedition now realize that at least three mistakes were made. First was taking a radio man on too short a period of preparation and understanding; second, sending the SOS calls, because the raft was already headed for shore and was in no immediate danger; thirdly abandoning the raft with no one aboard.

The captain of the Metapan, after ordering the "Lehi" crew to leave all equipment on the raft, told them that the Coast Guard would find the raft and tow it to shore. Otherwise the "Lehi" crew would have left at least one man aboard to guide the raft to shore, or until some one towed them in.

Fall Season MIA Offers New Courses

The summer MIA 1954 has been the best ever, it seems, but the regular fall and winter programs will be unusually fresh and intriguing, declare the Mutual officers and teachers.

Activated Scripturally

Elder Kenner indicated that Holbrook will visit the wards during the next two weeks and register the students before and after Sunday meetings. Anyone failing to register with Elder Holbrook may contact his bishop or call Holbrook at Clifford 4-4000. Other than the cost of the textbook, there will be no cost for the class. Elder Kenner points out that the lesson course will follow the old testament.

Car pools will be organized to transport the students to the early morning class. High school credit will not be given for the course, but credit toward seminary graduation will be allowed. Elder Kenner indicated that in addition to its religious value, the seminary will provide LDS associations for the young people.

Does Not Claim Church Sponsorship

The Lehi expedition has never claimed to be sponsored by the Church and no newspaper, including the Messenger, ever reported the venture as endorsed in any way by the Church.

There are a few souls who suppose the Church sponsors every church book sold by the Desert Book Co., and that it also sponsors everything the DUP and the SUP organizations do. It just isn't so but no one can prevent some dear saints from getting mixed up.

Nevertheless one can rejoice in the spirit of high adventure that goes with Church-aimed archaeological and raft expeditions no matter who it is that has the courage and the curiosity to undertake them. (However it is hoped that everyone can keep his creditors secured and satisfied.)

If they fail, that's part of the venture; if they try and try again that's the spirit which has led the Church, the nation and the world from what it is to what it is today as far as progress is concerned.

Home Are the Sailors

A San Francisco Chronicle editorial of Friday, July the 16, 1954, commented sympathetically upon the victimizations of the "Lehi" raft venture which at that time had front page publicity in all the San Francisco dailies. Under the heading, "Home Are the Sailors" the Chronicle editorial writer as follows:

"If people are the sailors, unseasonably home from the sea, and though their hold it crowded, have failed short of its destination, it must be conceded that theirs was an enterprise well worth the undertaking.

For in the mysterious days and years they have drifted where wind and random currents took them, they distributed excitement by the million hardbound newspaper readers rode their bobbing wayward craft with them, peering through their glass decks at the—and we number ourselves among them—will surely miss this vicarious adventure as we turn up their workaday lives today.

The good raft Lehi, for all the inadequacies of its end, was to those who sponsored and built and manned her, performed well in many an unanticipated mission. She demonstrated plainly that the spirit of high adventure still persists—fine showing in a world still willing to risk fortune and even life to prove a point that seems important, and that other men will risk their lives, too, to pluck them out of danger.

August MIA Conference In Los Angeles To Compare With MIA June Conference

The General MIA Board is conducting the first replica of the grand MIA June Conferences August 4-8, in Southern California with a pageant in Hollywood Bowl and large civic auditoriums in Los Angeles.

The Drama Festival is set for Thursday, August 5th, at 8:30 p.m. in the East Los Angeles Jr. College auditorium; the Music Festival Thursday, August 5th, at 8:30 p.m.; the Dance Festival in the East Los Angeles Jr. College Stadium, Saturday, August 7th, at 8:30 p.m.; and the General Sessions Sunday, August 8th, at 1:30 p.m. in the East Los Angeles Jr. College Stadium. President David O. McKay will preside at the MIA Speech Conference.

In connection with this MIA Conference, the General Board will conduct all the various department sessions similar to those held in Salt Lake City at the annual June MIA Conference for the whole Church.

There will be a Beehive Campcraft and Sports Institute August 5 at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.; a Golden Gleaners Banquet August 6th at 5 p.m. in the Hollywood Bowl; a Bluebird Banquet, the joint sessions for ward and stake executives; the Era Citation Dinner, August 7 at 5 p.m.

The various departments sessions include: M-Men and Gleaners; Explorers; YWMIA Sports; Drama; Music; Mia Maids; Scouts; Beehive; YWMIA Athletic; and Speech.

Hundreds of young people will participate in the Music Festival at Hollywood Bowl Friday, August 6th, and thousands in the Dance Festival Saturday, August 7th. A superlative road show and a play featuring regional talent will also be presented during the conference.

The social side will be well represented by a Banquet and Breakfast and the Golden Gleaner Reception.

Many highly-trained General Board members have been in Southern California to give advice and help to local leaders who have been assigned various conference duties.

First Seminary Classes Begin In Contra Costa County Area Announces Director Lee Kenner

An early-morning seminary class for students of Acalanes and Las Lomas high schools in Contra Costa County will begin when school opens this fall.

The daily 7 a.m. class will be held in the new

OAKLAND STAKE

More Stake Missionaries Needed Will You Volunteer To Help God?

by Mildred Fontano

Are you interested in doing a never-ending task and one that few people will know about? We have one hundred and sixteen people in our stake doing work and they love it more than anything they have ever done. God walks with them, encourages them, and they feel his guiding power in their contact work. Our stake is so large that 116 people are not enough. We need many more. Pres. Leonard Lyons would like to talk to you personally and encourage you to volunteer for this work. If you want to have that sweet satisfaction of bringing one soul into God's kingdom, go to your bishop and tell him you are willing to help God. 69 Converts have been baptized so far this year due to missionary work. These missionaries now in service in Oakland Stake are:

Leonard Lyons, president; Sterling Nicolaysen, 1st counselor; Robert Anderson, 2nd counselor; Amy Brereton, secretary; A. Bliss Cook, class trainer supervisor, and Elsie Lyon, assistant class trainer supervisor.

Alameda: Willard Lloyd Green, district president, Lorino Cuneo, Edward Sylvester, Taylor Fonoimoana, Ethel Larson, Robert Park, Nelson Read, Mildred Coulter, Richard Stan, Willis Turner, and Gayleen Vincent.

Castro Valley: Jay Van Wagoner, district president; Ed Billings, Reginold Bolles, James McCluskey, Muricle McFadden, Dewey Morris, Patricia Starks, and Howard Thomas.

Centerville: Edward Maugno, district president; Fred Eaton, Marie Eaton, and Andrew Hunt.

Hayward: Dean Hawkley, district president; Warren Beach, Eugene Goetting, John Goleeke, Gil Gordon, Robert G. Elliott, Dawna Hickox, Clyde Johns, Mary Alice Kraus, Gertrude Lesser, Lynn Moore, Jeddie Morse, Warren Phister, Louis Schmitt, Larry Smith, Mary E. Stewart, Owen L. Stewart, and Blaine Wilson.

Oakland I: Chas. Obrenshaw, district president; Bonadelle Coleman, Richard Coleman, Jane Metcalf, Edward Noble, and Charles Weber.

Oakland II: Robert Brummett, district president; Don Allphin, Bill Aldrich, Hyrum Brummett, Ralene Darton, Venda Fandrick, Sydney Goodman, George Osmond, Geraldine Shultz, Caroline Waddell, and Leigh Waddell.

Oakland III: Charles Rutz, district president; Kattie R. Brown, Lanny Compton, Carl Decker, Eleanor Goodsell, Benjamin Lenfer, Jr., Nersa Lafler, Blair Mason, Charlotte Rutz, Gloria Gay Tarbet, Jeanne Sheppard, John Wright.

Oakland IV: Lamar Thomas, district president; George Athen, Nana Folkman, Rulon Folkman, John Forsman, Singe Forsman, Doris Kingsford, William Kingsford, Albert Lewis.

Oakland V: Alma Salm, Chas. Tarochione.

San Leandro: L. B. Duffin, district president; Mel Ray Brereton, Dan Davis, Jule Duffin, Mal Duke, Eva Duke, Glen Elliott, Rex Ivie, Catherine Marsh, Harold Miller, Lorene Olesen, and Marilyn Packer.

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Centerville Branch

The Lindsay Family Led In Formation Centerville Branch

By Beasie Purdy

Marie Lindsay has been released as president of the Relief Society with a vote of appreciation.

Memory takes us back to the Fall of 1950 when we were invited to the Lindsay home where our Sunday school was organized. Meetings were held there until the coming of the I.O.O.F. Hall at Irvington. Brother Lindsay took all responsibility of seeing that the building was warm and clean and ready for services. He and Marie were always the first there for opening or evening school. Marie taught the youngest group with Artie Green as her assistant. If there was no organist or chorister, Marie took over. She was president of the Relief Society visiting teacher, and the little branch grew "in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man." Over the years the branch has continued to grow, and Clyde and Marie have given their best. They have been pillars of strength—guiding, encouraging, and helping everybody.

Artie Green, first counselor to Marie, now is Relief Society president. Her counselors are Mary Campbell and Ardis Cazier.

The "Benevolent Builders of the Centerville Branch" have organized a non-profit corporation to take care of the building program. Seven members of the priesthood compose the board of directors. Clyde Lindsay, Francis Winkel, Dan Bodily, Earl Green, Ray Truscott, James Campbell and William Jibson. Anyone who wishes to be a member of the directors may do so by paying a fee of ten dollars, which these members have already paid. Construction will be in charge of the Dan Bodily corporation. A new road has been cut by the Jibson brothers. Twelve houses are to be erected. People who purchase them may select their plans. Mormon families are greatly desired. Approximately 3½ acres have been reserved for the new $160,000 chapel. The profit from the new homes will be turned into the building fund.

Presidents Jed and Isabel Oxborrow of the Mutual took the junior gleaners and young men to Matte County, where the stake gathered for a very wonderful time.

The Leaders also accompanied their young MIA groups to the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

Alameda

Three Alameda Ladies Winners In Contest, Co. Fair

by Amelia Everett

Mildred Fontano won third place in the Utah State part of a National Sons of Utah Pioneer Story contest.

Eugenie Daniels and Lillian Dagley won prizes at the Alameda County Fair. Mrs. Daniels is winner of the sweepstakes in canning with three points. In other divisions she won on a crocheted bedspread, a lamp, a button hook collection, a pheasant feather hat, and a collection of antique perfume bottles. Mrs. Dagley won first, second, and third prizes in preserved foods and went on to win four more awards, taking three first and one second place awards in the confection and baked goods.

BABIES BLESSED

Beth Nicolayson, daughter of Stirling and Vivian. Leslie Park, daughter of William and Ann.

Confirmed Members. Fred Stewart Hansen, Carolyn Ferreira, Larry Curtis Pond, Marina Mello Harrison, and Carol Ann Smith.

New Elders are George F. Johnson and Allen Hunt.

Harold Pastore is second counselor in the Sunday school superintendency.

Mildred Pastore is activity counselor in YWMIA.

Our new missionaries are Willis Turner, Semour Murray and Joseph Park. Galeen Vincent and Lorine Conrad have almost completed succesful missions.

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San Leandro

August Banquet Benefits Playground

By Nellemae K. Tanner

The ward banquet on August 6th will aid in the purchase of new playground equipment for our yard at the rear of the Chapel. Past banquets have paid for the black-top and redwood fence. This new addition will provide much enjoyment for the young people of our Ward.

The bishopric commends those who have taken part in the welfare canning project, and encourages future support by the entire membership.

Sister Nell Christensen reports the rummage sale of July 10th a success, netting $185 for the Relief Society fund. Thanks to all who contributed.

We are all justly proud of our championship MIA softball team which, at this writing, is undefeated. On July 24th the Stake Championship game was played with Alameda and we won.

The MIA offers a varied summer program, featuring frequent swimming and skating parties as well as splendid lesson material for all members (and interested friends) over 12 years of age.

Brother Adrian Schlpper's Sunday School class members report a wonderful time was enjoyed at a weinie roast and swimming party July 10th.

Coleen Calhoun returned recently from BYU, where she was enrolled for the summer session drama and music courses.

We welcome the Feighner family, new converts, as well as the Stevens family who have recently moved into our ward from other locales.

It is with happiness that we report two more families of our ward have seen fit to enter the Temple for endowment and sealing ordinances: Bro. and Sis. Russell Heath and daughter Joan at the Idaho Falls Temple, and Bro. and Sis. Joseph Schonfeldt at the Salt Lake Temple.

Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners See Demonstrations

The Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners have enjoyed two very worthwhile demonstrations at their last meetings. The first was held at the home of Marjorie Nelson of San Lorenzo Ward, with Donna Pierce, beautician for the Helen Seagler Company, illustrating "beauty-aids and the proper makeup", using Ver Nell Lechemiant and Ruth Bigler as models.

The second demonstration, "The secret of homemade candy", was presented by Sr. Blanche Jacobs at the home of Maurine McKinley of San Lorenzo Ward on July 22nd, the results were enjoyed by all.

On July 11, this choral group of Golden Gleaners under the direction of Estherella Olszowska, sang at Oakland Fourth Ward in the special program honoring Carmen Stephens, who recently achieved the honor of becoming a Golden Gleaner. Bishop Curtis R. Bybee presented her with a lovely corsage, the Golden Gleaner pin, in appreciation for her achievement.

Oakland Stake Social Calendar

July 27—M Men-Gleaners Chickeree - Sequoia Lodge

July 30—Mia Maid - Explorer Swim & Bonfire

July 31—Bee Hive - Scout Breakfast - Arroyo Viejo

Aug. 2–12 Divisional Softball Play-offs - 7:30 at Garfield Playground, 23rd & Foothill

Aug. 3–12 Divisional Softball Play-offs - 7:30 at Greenman Field, 65th & East 14th.

Aug. 6 & 7–12 Divisional Softball Play-offs - 7:30 at Garfield Playground, 23rd & Foothill.

Aug. 13—Jr. & Sr. M Men Wataermelon Bust & Dance

Aug. 21—Senior Saints Picnic - Dr. & Sis. Ream's home in Hayward.

Aug. 28—M Men-Gleaner Moonlight Excursion on San Francisco Bay.

Alameda

Oakland Stake Meeting Calendar

Aug. 8—Priesthood-Leadership Meeting - San Leadro Ward
1:30 High Priests & Seventies
2:15 General Assembly

Sept. 4 & 5—Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference
10:00 a.m.—Scottish Rite Auditorium
2:00 p.m.—Scottish Rite Auditorium
7:00 p.m.—Oakland Ward Chapel

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It was such a satisfying experience, and the Mutual program has been on even more inspiration to all who partook of the instruction, experience and inspiration of our General Board leaders. Workers have returned with even greater determination to make the Oakland Stake Mutual Organizations outstanding in every respect.

Enjoy the varied summer program that your ward Mutual has planned especially for you. It can be fun for you only through your participation.

M MEN-GLEANERS MASTER M MEN-GOLDEN GLEANERS

Remember the date of your moonlight excursion on San Francisco Bay, Saturday, August 28. An orchestra will permit dancing during the evening.

Fathers & Sons of the Oakland Stake are looking forward to their annual overnight camping trip, September 10, **Redwood Park.**

Bee Hive Girls & Mia Maids are also looking forward to camping experiences. The date: August 28 thru September 6. The place: Cazadero Camp. The girls will leave Diamond Chapel at 6:30 on the morning of August 30th. Each girl should have a camping experience and we guarantee this one will carry with it many pleasant and lasting memories.

Saturday Night Dances throughout the summer are being held at the Oakland Ward recreation hall. Come join your friends.

Oakland Softball Play-Offs between the East-West winners were a special feature of the July 25th Pioneer Day celebration at Arroyo Viejo Park. San Leandro won over Alameda in a very good game.

September Tours Set For Sights in Mexico

Twenty-eight Latter-day Saints have just completed a 21-day visit in Old Mexico on a tour sponsored by the Brigham Young University.

Frances Kirk and Barbara Nicholas of Sacramento were among the group.

Another tour, similar to the one just completed, is being organized at the Brigham Young University to extent Sept. 1-22. All members of the Church are eligible to participate. Another tour will leave Provo September 1 and return September 22. All interested people should write to Fiesta Tour of Mexico, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, as soon as possible.

Livermore Branch

Our YWMIA Makes Good Beginning

by Della McLaughlin

Our YWMIA has had a good beginning. Last Wedesday night was the first meeting and there were present 19 girls with Miss Olsen class and four for the Beehive girls. That is an extra good beginning since we only have four members of the Church in the branch. This week they plan a hike.

Our Primary has two new teachers—Delores Coker and Susan McLaughlin. We wish them the best in their new undertakings.

Our fulltime missionary Elder Keith Woodruff, is down with the mumps. He isn't too ill but is taking time out for a good chance to catch up on his study and sleep. We have Elder Johnston with us while the mumps are in control.

We wish to welcome the Jim Ruff's into our branch. It is good to have them with us.

To the average person almost any question is like the moon, in that he never sees but one side of it. Let us as Latter-day Saints be above the average in that we try to see both sides of a situation.

John Bell and others went to Crockett July 21 to compete in swimming.

Walnut Creek

Diana Byrne Enjoys School of Music

Diana Byrne is enjoying the course of study she is taking under the direction of Dr. Frank Asper at the McCune School of Music. She tells what a wonderful man he is and what a pleasure it is to study with him. She la also studying the organ in contemplation of the time when our new chapel will be equipped with an organ.

Oakland Fourth

Brent, Richard, Pat Graduate From H.S.

by Gerry Larsen

Congratulations to Fremont High graduates: Brent Shaw, Richard Finch and Pat Fortini. Brent left immediately with his mother to join the family in Salt Lake. Richard will take up studies at Stanford this fall and Pat will go to BYU. She is the recipient of a scholarship which she so earnestly has sought these past years.

MIA PLANS BIG WARD FAMILY PICNIC

August 3 is the day for another big picnic for all members of the ward. Come to church and get details so that no one will be disappointed.

A room now is ready for genealogy classes at Sunday school, all who are interested are invited.

Welcome to the Larry Woods family home from Newfoundland.

Primary graduates this year are Susan Bybee, Karol Larsen and Toby Wright.

Carmen Stephens was honored as our newest Colden Gleaner this month.

The foundations for the new chapel have been laid and the enthusiasm mounts. We still need men and finances to keep the work going.

Marvin Sanders is out to sea from San Diego, training French sailors who are aboard the ship recently sold to the French by Uncle Sam.

The fall months will bring home almost all our servicemen. Glen Shaw, Gill Larsen and Marvin Sanders will be home in September and October.

On July 22, at the home of her daughter, Estelle Chibnall was honored on her birthday. L. Wright Bishop Bybee officiated.

News has reached us that Harley Sanders, stationed in South Carolina, was recently married. We haven't yet learned his bride's name.

Jay Robinson has claimed Mary Alice Richardson as his bride. Jay is the son of Luke and Hattie Robinson. Congratulations to all our newlyweds.

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Charles Maurer Leaving Soon For Peruvian Missionary Field

By MILDRED FONTANO

Charles Maurer of Hayward is sailing for missionary work in Peru in August. There is no organized mission there, but President David O. McKay organized a branch in Peru while he was in South America this year. Bro. Maurer's brothers live in Peru.

This year Eugenia Daniels won the Alameda County Fair Sweepstakes in canning, receiving 34 prizes in all.

Lillian Dagley also won 14 prizes in culinary arts at this fair.

The stake presidency and high council, with their wives, spent the evening of July 14th in Niles at the home of the Frantz Winkel's for a study hour and recreation.

Thousands of cans of string beans and apricots have been canned by members from various wards for welfare use.

2500 bags of grain on the new welfare farm near Pleasanton have been harvested.

The Maxwell Park people (Oakland 4th) are working hard to keep their chapel growing. A dinner for the whole ward to lend encouragement was held in the Maxwell Park chapel recently.

Castro Valley and San Lorenzo Wards are working too for funds to start construction. Each ward held a high prize dinner in July, and did well.

The various D.U.P. groups of Oakland Stake put on fine programs July 25 in the various Sunday evening meetings.

July 24th was again celebrated in Arroya Viejo Park, the stake participating in games, picnicking, a primary parade of children in pioneer costumes, with prizes, and a fine program. A joyous time was the verdict.

Relief Society Convention: The Stake Relief Society is temporarily under the supervision of First Counsellor Phyllis Warnick, as Pres. Della Swensen was excused on account of the illness of her son, Wright Swensen.

August 14th, a two-stake Relief Society Convention will be held in the Oakland chapel. Oakland Stake will be hostess to Berkeley Stake. At 1:15 p.m. all ward officers and teachers are to convene.

Visitors and Vacations: Theodore Ruegg and wife Vanita visited in the Bay Area mixing business with pleasure. Mr. Ruegg is the architect of the Vallejo Ward chapel.

C. A. and Jessie Lund of Oakland II spent a month touring the east visiting various points of interest.

Keith Stevens is home from Army service on the Pacific Islands. He had the pleasure of baptising several of his army buddies.

Pat and Wanda Wright spent the July 24th Delbert Wright's home bringing with them their two small sons. Pat is working in farroff Tyler, Minnesota, for the Tyler Egg Co.

Elmo Smith and family vacationed at Clear Lake.

Willard C. Peck and family motored to Snowflake, Arizona, to spend July 24th.

Bp. Arnold Bangarter and wife Hazel motored to Utah for a visit.

Rodney Pocock, manager of a U.S. Post Offices in Alameda, spent 2 weeks vacationing in the California mountains, fishing and camping.

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Stake MIA Ready "HMS Pinafore" For Late Summer

by Beryl Theurer

The enthusiasm generated at the Opera Rally on July 17 indicates a treat for stake music lovers when the summer stake MIA activities are climaxed by the presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful "HMS Pinafore" September 10-11. Music director, Jean Lauper, is well experienced in opera presentation. Howard Duff, a member of the BYU music department and widely known for his exceptional musical talent, is stage director. Also associated with the production are; Jack Jensen, production manager; Merle Morris, assistant manager; advertising, Dick Lambert and Barbara Wooters; scenery and stage properties, Roy Lambert; lighting, Richard Maurer; secretary and librarian, Gladys Wootton; make-up, Connie Fairbanks; dancing, Shirley Little; and accompanist, Marilyn Taylor. Assistance will be given by many others from the MIA stake board and wards.

DRAMA FESTIVAL ATTRACTS RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE

Many dramatic enthusiasts combined their talents for the annual Stake MIA Drama Festival on July 9, producing an evening of mirth and relaxation. Under the general supervision of Connie Fairbanks, stake MIA drama director, four one-act plays were presented by wards.

STAKE PRIMARY INCREASES BOARD

The stake Primary claims three new board members—Rhean Griffin, Quorum Representative; Marion Benson, San Francisco ward, organist; and Ann Widdefelt, stake Primary secretary.

Merle Dorius of the stake Primary recently returned from Canada where she spent two weeks on some valuable advancements in her genealogy.

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY TO INAUGURATE NEW PROJECT

The Stake Relief Society, assisted by ward bishops, is laying plans to inaugurate a new project entailing the exchange of babies' and children's clothes. The initial "Exchange Bazaar" is to be held the last of August. Mothers are encouraged to bring children's clothes which they can exchange for clothing of a proper size.

Nerva Huff of 1526 24th Avenue is now garment representative for the stake, succeeding Ann Barton who will spend the next three months in Colorado and New Mexico with her children.

Back home are Stake Relief Society President Gladys B. Winder and Stake Patriarch Stephen H. Winter after an extended Canadian tour; and Stake Social Science Leader Nana Cole who has been visiting in Utah and Idaho.

ANNUAL RELIEF SOCIETY CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Relief Society in San Francisco, Palo Alto and San Jose stakes will be held August 16 in Los Altos Ward. General Relief Society board visitors will be Alice Margaret Young and Ann Hart. Wives are invited to attend the afternoon session.

MISSION WARD VICTOR IN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mission Ward, cheered by an enthusiastic rooting section, became champions of the stake softball tournament after the final game on July 8. The champion team, managed by Alex Townsley and Newell Cuttler as captain, included Pitcher Harold Black, Alan Tuttle, Quinn Gardner, Jack Anderson, Roger Lefler, Norman Lefler, Garry Lyons, David Tanner, Cliff Harper, Jim Anderson, Keith Hansen, Joe Harper, and Joseph Brammer.

Regional playoffs for the eleven stakes in Division 12 will be held August 2-3 and 6-7, reports Stake Softball Director Cliff Harper. Each stake will participate in the final playoff in Salt Lake during September.

STAKE MEMBERS HONORED BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

Honoring Rena Jenkins and Lillian Dagley, members of the stake board, a party was given July 15, and a gift was presented to them. The Wednesday dinner was conducted at the morning session of Balboa ward conference June 20. Stake Sunday School workers attended as an advisory board.

A convention for stake Sunday School superintendents was held June 10, conducted by General Board members Alva H. Parry, Wilford M. Burton, and Gerrit de Jong.

Ten northern California stake Superintendencies attended the Sunday afternoon convention at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion at Berkeley on July 11. Theme for both meetings was; "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13.

Percentages for ward attendance at Sunday School for June are: San Francisco, 49%; Mission, 47%; Sunset, 34%; Balboa II, 33%; Balboa, 28%; San Rafael, 25%.

NEW STAKE MIA BOARD MEMBER

Gale Wood becomes the YWMIA stake sports director.

Assisting on the YW board during the summer are Claudia Lauper, Gleaner department; Carma Colovich, sports and Carmen Tuttle, Jr. Gleaner department.

BOATING PARTY PLANNED

Alan Hall and Claudia Lauper, stake M Men-Gleaner supervisors, and M Men-Gleaner officers and their dates are planning a boating party aboard the Bay Queen August 28, with Berkeley and Oakland stakes participating. Dancing and refreshments will enhance the evening cruise around the bay.

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

A day at Santa Cruz on July 10 was enjoyed by 45 Jr. M Men and Gleaners. Lunches were pooled by ward groups.

Gale Wood and Carma Colovich, sports directors, announced plans for MY tennis and softball tournament for the summer. Wards are organizing teams and playing practices to be in readiness for the stake playoffs.

Gale Wood and Marion Nelson met at the home of Rhea Gustavason, Oakland Camp Director, with President Verna Jackson of the Oakland stake YWMIA and other board members to plan the camping program at Camp Cazadero August 30 through September 6. Over twenty Beehive and Mia Maid girls from San Francisco stake will participate.

Afton Jensen, stake age group counselor, held a special meeting at her home for all ward and stake age group counselors on July 22. Planned board demonstrations and handicraft for the summer program were part of the workshop.

Stake YWMIA organist Georgia Hammond leaves for Salt Lake with her husband, Gale, who has accepted an excellent position there. Georgia's outstanding musical ability will be missed by everyone.

Mission

Foundation Poured; Bricks; Roof Built On New Classrooms

by Carol Burtingame

Work on the classroom additions is progressing rapidly. Foundation has been poured, bricks are being layed, and one section of the roof is being completed. The men of the ward work Monday and Wednesday evenings, and all day on Saturdays. Women of the Relief Society furnish lunch for the men on Saturdays.

There will be a Mission Ward Reunion at 7 p.m. August 27, in the recreational hall. A dinner and program is being planned for all new and former members of Mission Ward.

On July 4, a record number of nine babies were blessed: Dennis Allen Traufer, Sala Tao, Bradley Thomas Leffer, Sharon Ethel Worrall, Brent Dana Larsen, Debra Dorene Managum, Dawna Ruth Prestwitch, Gayle Garnet Garrod and Patrick Kimo Carson. Eighteen-year-old Richard Paul Crowley was confirmed.

Thad Draper, on a mission since April in the Samoan Islands, says that he has grown to love the people, and he eats their native foods, which he has learned to enjoy.

Among the many summer activities a party has been planned for August 14 by Alex Townsley and Grove. Starting July 24, Mission and Balboa 2nd Wards joined together in sponsoring a dance every Saturday night.

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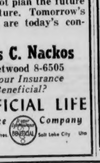
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San Francisco Ward

Summer Primary Offers Folk Dancing Various Crafts, Games

By Becky Pratt

Our Primary picnic at Golden Gate park on June 30th was a great success. Lunch, games and baseball kept the group interested. The summer program includes folk dancing for the children over eight, and various crafts for the young children each Wednesday at 10:30.

Marion Rockwood has been sustained secretary of the Sunday school with Muriel Malphurs serving as an assistant.

Vernice Torongo and Carol Teeple have just returned from vacations in Salt Lake City. Vernice attended conference and visited several Junior Sunday schools, summer months in Utah.

Ina A. Fechser will spend the summer in Utah.

Welcome back, Wayne Lambert, —our one-time missionary, now making his home here.

Welcome, students from BYU who are spending the summer months here.

Other new ward members are Ivin Robert Hill, Paul Joseph Olah and his two daughters, Geneview Eddy, Samuel G. Rich and his wife Mildred, and Verna Ruth Prindle; also, congratulations to Sister Sally Ann Nickel, who was confined on Fast Day.

Audrey Grayson's brother, Jr. Raymond Grayson, and his friend Travor Fox of Vancouver B.C. spent their vacation here.

Mrs. Hilda Pearson from Portland is spending the summer with her daughter, Mary Westerman.

Mrs. Ida Schacke has written a 35-page booklet, "Knock and It Shall Be Opened Unto You," a Message of Gospel Doctrine with her own testimony of its truthfulness. Gloria, her husband, Lawrence O., and son Mike L., moved to Sunset Ward in July.

Gordon Paxton of the Sunday school superintendency is on tour with the San Francisco Ballet.

Gerard Van Zeben, stake entertainment director, received his U.S. citizenship papers in June.

Sunday evening's program, July 18, was given by the Sunday school. The speakers were Gladys Metcalf, Audrey Grayson and Kenneth Skousen.

Utah Lawrence, who labored in the Canadian Mission, is now stationed at the Presidio.

Don Wright, Stake missionary with the Chinese Branch, is leaving this month for Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a sales representative for a pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Irv Cohen, a captain in the dental corp at the Presidio, was the speaker at Sacramento meeting, July 11. He received his testimony in Korea and was baptized there.

May we remind you that our Ward will receive credit for blood donations at the Irvin Memorial Blood Bank? We are in need of donations at this time.

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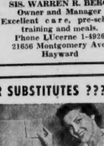

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Mission Ward, S.F. Call Old Members To 29th Reunion

By Mabel B. Liddell

The bishopric of mission ward are announcing plans for a reunion to be held in the chapel at 3715-26th Street in San Francisco on the evening of August 27th at 7 p.m. A family type dinner will be served, with program following. All members and former members of the ward are invited to come and share in the fun and renewing of old friendships.

This event will mark the 29th anniversary of the organization of the Mission Branch, and near the 20th anniversary of Wallace N. Allred's service as Bishop.

All who are planning to attend are requested to notify a member of the bishopric in order to approximate the number of guests.

Balboa Ward

Relief Society Primary Reorganized

by Mabel Simister

The bishopric has released President Lillian Allen, counselors Jean Barton and Aleda Horsley, and secretary Mariam Cummings from their duties in the Relief Society. The new president is Rachael Greenland with Rosalie Bailey and Betty Jo Gelvix as counselors, and Belva Galovich work director. The new officers promise much activity for the next year. The retiring officers were honored at a luncheon.

PRIMARY

The officers of Primary, president Ethel Salin, counselor Rachael Greenland and secretary Carma Anderson have been released with a vote of thanks. Elsie Hess is the new president with Jane Lindstrom and Carma Anderson as counselors. Sister Salin will work on the Primary Stake Board.

MIA

Jeannine Taylor was released from her duties as activity counselor in the YWMIA. She is moving from the ward. The MIA enjoyed a beach party at Thornton's Beach July 17. During the week of July 18-25, six Scouts from Troop 92 camped out at Camp Royanon. Accompanying them was Morris Ashton, troop committee chairman.

Our young people gave a very fine performance at the stake drama festival, July 9. "The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington was their offering. Members of the cast were Joy Logan, Richard Horsley, Barbara Sabin, Barbara Matthews, Williard L. George, Douglas Allen, and Richard Stone with Joanne Jarmley directing.

The girls of the ward presented a very pleasant evening in June when they received awards for attendance and participation, during the year. The bishopric awarded special pins to Carolyn Wilson for 100% attendance at both Sunday school, sacrament meeting and at MIA. Sister Sylvia Moulton was both surprised and honored with a pin for her outstanding work with the girls.

PRIESTHOOD

Darrel Smith has been elevated to the office of a teacher and James W. Matthias has been made a deacon.

COMINGS AND GOINGS:

Robert Schwindt and Marilyn Milligan, of Mission Ward, have announced their engagement. They will be married in September in the Salt Lake Temple.

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Serge J. Lauper Announces His Own Accountant Supply Company In San Francisco

Serge J. Lauper, president of the San Francisco stake, has resigned his position with the Charles H. Hadley Co. to open his own office at 910 Hearst Building, where he will specialize in accounting supplies.

President Lauper has been associated with the Hadley firm for 25 years. His brilliant career with the company was highlighted in 1952 when he won first place in sales achievement and again in the national "Top Ten" award for 1953, when he placed third.

President Lauper's popularity in the Bay Area is sufficient assurance of an auspic

The Messenger
Of Northern California

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

In the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 88:76, we read these words: "I give unto you a commandment that ye shall continue in prayer and fasting from this time forth."

Editorial

Although these words were addressed to a few at that particular time in our history, it was given to all those born and unborn who would come to the earth following the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this the fullness of times. It means that every one of us who has embraced the Gospel and entered by the waters of baptism, covenants that he will obey the commandments of the Lord. According to the above we are given the commandment to "continue in prayer and fasting."

"Fasting" is the abstention from food and drink for a given length of time. In the past and at the present time it is practiced as an act of self denial with definite religious intention and it is not peculiar to the Latter-day-Saints. Its spiritual value is recognized by others and has been a part of the custom of many people for centuries.

The Hebrews recognized the purpose of fasting and many of the ancient prophets fasted for long periods of time so that they might place themselves in tune to receive special blessings and to commune with their Heavenly Father. Moses fasted for forty days on Mount Horeb, Elijah fasted the same lenght of time as did our Savior before He entered upon His ministry.

In the Book of Mosiah in the Book of Mormon, we read where Alma was healed of a paralytic stroke, following a period of fasting and prayer for a great blessing. He also fasted and prayed many days that he might obtain a testimony of the truth. We will find throughout the Old and New Testements, the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants where this great principle was taught the people.

The Lord promised that "He who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come", what a blessing peace is, and would be to many of us!

The Lord bless you all.

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder, Mission Pres.,
Former Bishop S. F. Ward—Guest Editorial

Your Dental Health

By
Dr. Hearl Crowther
(Oral Surgeon)

What is an impacted tooth? A tooth is said to be impacted when its angle of growth, its location in the jaw substance, and its approximating contact with adjacent teeth prevents its normal eruption into proper place and alignment.

It may impinge upon another tooth and, through that indulgence, ultimately destroy the tooth It is impinging upon. It may, by pressure, involve a branch of the fifth nerve, the nerve which supplies feeling to the greatest area in the face and head, and thus cause neuralgic pain and other discomfort.

It may become cystic, forming an ever enlarging sac filled with infected fluid around itself, and ultimately destroy the bone substance around it. By pressure exerted in its attempt to move into its proper position, it often causes the teeth in other areas of the mouth to become crowded and unsightly. If there is access to it through a crevice in the soft tissues, the area around it may become infected by mouth fluids, resulting in acute pain, stiffness in the jaws, sore throat, and discomfort otherwise. There may be other involvements, but the foregoing are those most frequently encountered.

In order of frequency those most often found to be impacted are: the wisdom teeth, bicuspids, or eye teeth, in the upper jaw; and cuspids, or stomach teeth, in the lower jaw. Next in point of impaction frequency are the bicuspids—those teeth immediately back of the eye teeth. In addition, there may be extra, or supernumerary, teeth which can not erupt and may be found in most any area in the upper and lower jaw.

In passing I would like to state that it is these supernumerary and impacted teeth which oftentimes are mistaken for "third sets" of teeth about which we occasionally read in the papers. There never has been, because of our present and dental history, an authentic case in which an individual has grown a third set of teeth.

Impacted teeth are frequently found in ancient skulls, proving that the process of evolution is an exceedingly slow one. Evolution, as we measure our laws seem to be growing smaller as time goes on; and less and less room is left for the eruption of our normally full complement of thirty-two teeth.

When any of the aforementioned teeth are found to coincide with any of the abnormal conditions mentioned, they should be removed by a competent practitioner, and the patient treated exactly as in any other type of surgery performed in or upon the body.

The doctor should be adequately fortified by experience, and have in his surgery all surgical equipment necessary to perform this delicate type of work, and to in every way protect the patient.

About Japan

By
Vinal G. Mauss

Japanese footgear attracts the immediate attention of foreign visitors as does the peculiar clikclack sound of the wooden clog on the pavement. The most distinctive feature of Japanese footwear is the Y-shaped cord or thong which passes between the big toe and the second toe. There is a great variety in Japanese footgear itself. However, all kinds may be roughly divided into two main classes, those for hard wear and those for easy wear. The former are known as "geta" and the latter as "zori."

"Geta" may best be translated as "clog." It is an oblong wooden piece raised on a crosswise support. A thong passes up through a hole in the forward end of the piece. This is attached to an ornamental cord whose ends are fastened down at either side of the wood. For rainy weather the cross-pieces are 2 or 3 inches high, lifting the foot well above muddy or wet ground. Such "geta" have a toe cap of stiff oiled paper or leather to keep the front of the foot dry and clean in wet weather. The different styles of "geta" are almost endless; some are highly lacquered, some have their tops covered with finely plaited rushes and the thongs are of velvet, silk, brocade, cotton or velveteen, in many colors. "Geta" are only worn outdoors.

The "zori" is a sandal, ordinarily not intended for rough wear, though a course straw "zori" is made of straw or reeds. There are many grades and styles for wear outside, and inside only on board floors, never on the "tatami" or thick straw mats which cover the floors of the rooms. Only bare feet or stockinged feet are allowed on the tatami floors. The word stocking gives a wrong idea, for the Japanese do not wear stockings with their native dress. They wear a sort of sock, known as "tabi," which has a separate division for the big toe. It reaches just above the ankle and is fastened at the back by means of an overlap having metal hook tabs which engage with thread loops of the inner side. Above the "tabi" the legs are bare.

My Testimony VIII

By
Mabel B. Liddell

". . . Seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from His hand, for behold, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom and in justice and in great mercy . . . Jacob 4-10."

Often without fully realizing it, we seek to counsel and to instruct Father by refusing to accept some simple task or procedure, thus forming a self-created barrier in the very blessings we desire. Such is the sacred testimony of Sister Alvina Mairs, Relief Society president of Sunset Ward in San Francisco.

Many years before her wish was granted, she had longed to go to the Temple of the Lord with her husband and four children, that they might be united for all eternity, but her husband was unable to see the importance of this ordinance. He was wonderfully kind and she knew she must not push him. Such an important decision had to come from his own inmost desire and complete change of heart. She always had the inner assurance that this blessing would be hers when she proved worthy of it. Therefore, she never refused a call to serve in any church capacity, trying desperately to make herself worthy.

In November 1948, they sold their home and made all preparations to move to Nevada where Brother Mairs had a position. Without warning the business project in that area failed and they were left homeless in San Francisco at a time when homes for parents with four young children were almost impossible to find. Sister Mairs determined not to leave Mission Ward, but their search in that district was fruitless. Then a desirable place was located in Sunset Ward and, with great reluctance, Sister Mairs moved there.

For four months she took the children to Sunday School but steadfastly refused to move her ward membership. Then one Sunday in February, 1947, she was asked to teach the Genealogical Training class. This was a real test of her humility, because Genealogy was difficult and the one thing she felt she was not prepared to teach. It was also necessary to change her membership in order to accept a class.

While standing there that day, making her decision, the thought kept recurring in her mind that the leaders in this church are divinely inspired and led, and she could not refuse.

It took a great deal of prayer, humility and study to fulfill her new position, but in a short time she realized that genealogical work was the most important calling in her life. She also found that she was ideally happy with the lovely people in this ward. Not that the task or people had changed; it was simply that in her humble obedience, she was able to see properly. She noted a definite increase of interest on the part of her husband also.

One month after her acceptance of this new work and new ward, Brother Mairs began to keep the word of wisdom. Almost immediately his health improved and his happiness increased as he became more active. In a few months he was advanced in the Priesthood, and one year later this happy family made the long anticipated trip to the Salt Lake Temple.

Now, Brother Mairs is Stake Clerk of the Seventies Quorum, First Assistant on the Genealogical committee and has until recently served as Ward Clerk. He is happier than he has ever been and says, "I just can't understand why I didn't see it all sooner."

Berkeley MIA Girls Camping Sidelights July 7-12, 1954

Brothers Ericksen, Feller, Giovanni Declared "Honorary Girls"

Brother Ericksen and his wife Eleda spent several week-ends this year helping to ready the camp for the girls, and were at camp the entire time the girls were there. As Campsite Director, Brother Ericksen is not a figurehead—but a hard-working, on-the-spot official ready to lend a hand or help make a decision when required.

Sid Feller has also been up at the camp several week-ends this year helping with the screened in kitchen area, the wonderful new tables, and all the things that helped the camp-out go so smoothly. **Joe Giovanni** (whose wife, Thelma, is on the Berkeley Stake board, and who himself is superintendent of East Richmond MIA) was ever present to lift kettles, light fires, and do the many things that needed to be done. Sid was often seen on the other end of a board traveling to be made into a shelf, on the business end of a hammer, or a wheelbarrow full of wood.

As a thank-you for their efforts, the first annual all-girl camp July 11 declared these brothers to be "honorary girls"; and would have given the same honor to Brother Bailey had he been in town shortly after the girls arrived, if he had been around. We have not heard from these brethren reacted to this honor, but we're sure they're properly appreciative!

Sensational Game Held At Berkeley Stake Camp-Out

Friday night, July 9, will be long remembered by the participants of the Berkeley Stake Camp-Out for the epoch-making ball game which occurred at that time. The leaders played the girls, and a sensational game it was. One leader (who shall be nameless) was heard to remark, "If I should be so fortunate as to hit the ball, what do I do?" Perhaps that is the reason no one has been able to determine just what the score was. At any rate, they all had a good time.

Camping Experience Part of Required MIA Program

It has been a great satisfaction to the officers and teachers of the MIA of Berkeley Stake to at least be able to say they have successfully filled this important part of the required program. Their thanks go to the Lismore Club for providing them with so ideal a site, and for giving them the site exclusively so that they could comply with the regulations that "no boys be near the camp." And the girls will be the first to admit that they had a good time "just by themselves." (Note to boys: No offense meant. We're just abiding by the rules!)

Thought For America

The constitution of the United States is a glorious document founded in the wisdom of God. It is a heavenly banner; it is, to all those who are privileged to live under its liberty, like the cooling shades and refreshing waters of a great rock in a weary and thirsty land. It is the most free under whose branches men from every clime can be shielded from the burning rays of the sun.

—Joseph Smith

Lehi Expedition Discussed By BYU Archaeology Group

The much-publicized "Lehi" raft expedition to Hawaii from San Francisco was the subject of a question and answer discussion in the July 1954 Newsletter of the Archaeological Society at the Brigham Young University.

We reproduce part of the newsletter edited by Ross T. Christenson:

"What do you feel is the significance, from the viewpoint of Book of Mormon archaeology, of an ocean voyage to investigate a theory that some ancestors of the American Indian may have originated in Palestin?"

"It is clearly the Book of Mormon claim as to the means used by Lehi to cross the ocean that is being tested. The vessel is dubbed the "Lehi" and is described as an "ocean-going raft." What is now in progress is actually merely a "shake-down cruise" from California to Hawaii to learn, I presume, wheather both the vessel and the crew are seaworthy. Therefore, the very long ocean pourney from Arabia to Guatemala is contemplated, if I understand their plans correctly. From the wording of the news releases I judge that the vessel is powered by nothing other than winds and ocean currents.

SAME FOOD AS LEHI?

"No food or water were taken aboard, since it is planned to derive these from fish, with perhaps enough a condensation process, and food from fish, plankton, and algae. I believe I see here an attempt to duplicate conditions of ocean travel which Lehi must have faced. He, also, may have lived largely on fish and water from the sea, while his vessel was powered by wind (I Nephi 18:8-9) and undoubtedly marine currents.

"The "Lehi"voyage of 1954 was in all probability suggested by the "Kon Tiki" expedition of 1947. Thor Heyerdahl and his fearless Norwegians demonstrated that the Polynesian islands could have been populated from the American mainland, and a great wave of new thinking in this field resulted. What will result from the "Lehi" voyage?

THEORY SEEMS SOUND

"Whatever practical difficulties may beset this intrepid crew, such as for example the lack of trained navigators on their vessel to the Arabian "Bountiful" to begin their voyage, or of finding the same currents and winds that propelled Lehi, their motivating theory seems to me at the moment essentially sound, and their voyage proves successful, it will demonstrate that the original Lehi voyage could have taken place as described. It will not necessarily prove that it did, but it will go far toward helping us to persuade us that all ancestors of the American Indian arrived in this way. Nevertheless, I remain unconvinced that the potentiality of providing powerful new support to the Book of Mormon view."

Messenger Slogan

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JESUS TESTIFIES OF HIMSELF

(A series of Bible quotations)

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

"(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.")

—John 7:37-39

Where Full-Time Missionaries Labor In The East Bay

The twenty-two missionaries in the Golden Gate district are dotted from Vallejo, on the north, down to San Lorenzo on the south, from Livermore on the east, over to San Francisco. Most of this area is densly populated and it has proved to be a fertile field to work in.

Vallejo is the northern-most city with missionaries in it. Elder and Mrs. Herbert Morris are as busy as bees bringing in converts one after another. On the other side of town is Elder and Mrs. Paul Neilson, also working very hard to further the work of the Lord.

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Bishop Evenson and his family of five spent their vacation in the High Sierras, Los Angeles and Mexico.

The Gordon Barneys vacationed in Utah and Yellowstone Park. They were accompanied by their three youngsters.

Nelson Wadsworth, now news reporting in Salinas, California, spent his vacation with his mother, Mabel Wadsworth, in Utah.

Berth Cook and her boys flew east for a vacation. They will pick up a new car and drive home.

The G. Felts of Ogden, Utah, vacationed in Martinez with their daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and LeGrand Cook.

Balboa Second Ward

James Challis and family have been vacationing in Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park.

The William Southwicks and their son, Danny, recently returned from a trip to Salt Lake City.

The Frank Heisses traveled to Salt Lake, where they met their son, Frank, just discharged from the U.S. Army. Father and son toured the temples in Utah and visited Bryce and Zions Canyons.

Centerville

The Lindsays had as their guests over the week-end holiday Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hobson. Mrs. Hobson is Brother Lindsay's sister. On the Monday, they entertained at a breakfast party with their family and several friends. Brother Lin in cap and apron as Chef prepared a wonderful meal, while Marie and Sister Hobson prepared hot cakes inside. Everybody enjoyed the delicious repast under the trees and all hated to make it a very joyful occasion.

Bill Silver spent a two weeks furlough with his parents.

Duane and Leon Johnson are working at Big Basin for the summer.

Lynn and Scottie Moffett are vacationing in Los Angeles. Dennis is working this summer.

The family of Francis Winkel has enjoyed a two weeks holiday in Utah. Rose and her three sisters and families spent two days in Yellowstone. The boys had a wonderful time in the mountains at a sheep camp owned by Bruce Hall. They came back them to Utah and flew back and then flew there to accompany them home.

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New Officers Named For 2nd, 8th Elders; Biography Sketches

Pres. Denton, president of the second quorum of elders during 1952-54, has been released with a vote of appreciation.

Because of the growth of the quorum and the geographical location of its various groups, the 2nd Quorum has been divided and a new 8th quorum created. The 2nd Quorum will be composed of elders living in the Richmond and Rodeo Wards, and the 8th Quorum of elders living in the East Richmond Ward.

Brother Philip Lewis of Richmond Ward heads the Second Quorum.

Phil Lewis' Life Story

Phil is a native of Manhattan, New York City, New York. At the age of five he was placed along with his brother in a foster home on a farm in Primrose, Nebraska. Upon the death of his foster parents Phil, then 18, tried his fortune first with a circus in Denver, Colorado, and finally with the Fred Harvey Eating House in Dodge City, Kansas. In this employment he worked up from dish washer to cook and traveled widely throughout the Southwest, stopping finally in Ojo, Calif., New Mexico, where he met Rose Emma Rogers and the Church. He and Rose were married shortly thereafter.

During the last World War he came to Richmond. At the war he entered the insurance business and later opened his own office, known as the Phil Lewis Agency. In partnership with Dave Snyder, they now plan to move into new offices of their own in September.

Phil joined the Church in 1946 and became a member of the 2nd Richmond Ward. He has since served as chairman of Boy Scout troop 131, as Scout Master, and was coached in the MIA and is presently serving as stake soft ball director.

The Lewises are parents of seven children, four boys and three girls.

As 1st counselor, Brother Lewis has selected Harold M. Berg of Rodeo. Harold was born in Salt Lake City, attended Granite high school and the University of Utah where he received a B.S. degree in 1950 with a major in art education. Shortly after graduation he married De Ette Richards of Salt Lake. Harold is the proud father of a 20-months-old son.

During the war Harold served in the Air Force as plane crew chief, 1943 to 1946. He is teaching in Rodeo and attends the University of California during the summer and evenings.

As 2nd counselor Phil has selected Richard Groves, also a native of Salt Lake City. Richard received the California vs Long Branch, New Jersey, and Arlington, Virginia, and is now employed by the Western Pacific Railroad as chief clerk. He attended Golden Gate College, where he majored in business administration (traffic). He married Barbara Passey in 1949 and is now the father of two girls. Dick has served as quorum secretary under President Brough during the past two years.

As new secretary to the 2nd quorum, **Brother Lewis** has selected Leonard Frank Trottier, the third member of the presidency to hail from Salt Lake City. Leonard attended South high school and graduated in 1943.

He entered the Army in 1943 and was assigned to anti-aircraft and was later transferred to the infantry. He shipped overseas in October 1944, entered combat on Christmas Day and three days later was wounded in the head by machine gun fire. The head injury resulted in paralysis of the right arm and both legs. With persistent effort Leonard is now able to get around with the use of leg braces and a cane. He serves as financial ward clerk of Richmond Ward and also as assistant to the regional welfare coordinator of the Bay Area.

Elders 8th Quorum Heads

The division of the 2nd Quorum of elders has made necessary the forming of a new quorum, the eighth, in Berkeley Stake, East Richmond.

The following officers have been called and set apart to direct the future activities of the 8th Quorum: President, Reed Harker (former counselor in 2nd); 1st Counselor John R. Carpenter; 2nd Counselor Orla Shurtliff; Secretary Ira M. Jensen.—Mel Pr Bulletin.

Pittsburg Ward

Robert D. Anderson To Teach In Germany

Robert D. Anderson, history and psychology teacher at the Pittsburg high school, has resigned from that position in order to accept a contract as a high school teacher in Germany for the U.S. Army and State Department dependents' families. He will be stationed either at Heidelberg or Munich in the American zone, he thinks.

Elder Anderson will leave the S. F. Bay area for Utah in August and then will go to Germany. He can read German. The school uses the English language.

Robert D. has never been to Europe, but traveled in Japan and China while in the armed services. He was selected the one out of forty applicants, and feels that the experience will enrich him for his life's work as a teacher of history. The contract is from year to year, so he may return or remain after one year, as circumstances dictate.

Berkeley Second

Babcock Family Move Dr. Hyrum Babcock Teaching at B.Y.U.

Hyrum Babcock, now Doctor Babcock, and his family are moving to Provo, Utah. Doctor Babcock will teach at the "Y".

Congratulations to 2nd Ward for having the highest percentage of attendance at Sunday School in the Berkeley Stake, according to statistics given by stake officers Sunday, June 20. Were you among those present to make that percentage?

Congratulations to Leon Baer, who has been ordained a high priest.

Congratulations to Nhomi Layhee, whose ability as a master teacher has been recognized outside of Berkeley and Albany. She has been asked to teach in the demonstration school of the San Francisco State Teacher's College. Mrs. Layton was given a year's leave of absence from the Albany schools to accept the contract.

Doings of Our Young People:

Congrats to Eldon Reain on his ordanation as a teacher.

And to all the graduates of the Albany high school, El Cerrito high school and Portola junior high school.

Win Layton, Tom and Bud Hopkins are a big help at the welfare house these busy canning days.

Tom Green and David Reain are working for the Forestry Service in Yosemite National Park.

Hattie Davis of Monrovia, sister of Dora Allison, spent a few days here.

Lois Sconberg is attending summer session at Claremont College.

Claremont Ward

R. S. Announces Work Meet, Potluck Dinner August 10

By Ray Raynor

The summer Relief Society program has been very successful; attendance has grown at each meeting. All ladies in the ward are invited to meet together Tuesday, August 10. The work meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed by a one o'clock potluck lunch, with all birthdays in the month being celebrated. In the afternoon an interesting lesson is presented. The young mothers of the ward are especially urged to come out and are advised that any instruction desired in various handicrafts will be gladly given them.

On Saturday, July 17, the third David and Nancy Bawden family reunion was held at Albany Park. Forty-seven descendants were gathered to honor Mother Bawden.

Harold Gaisford and family are visiting with his mother, Sister Bain, from Salt Lake City.

Over the July 4 weekend tragedy almost struck the Harold Eldredge family as they were camping in the Sierras. Their small son, Brett, fell into the rapids and was being swept away when Floyd Pickett of Walnut Creek dove in and brought him safely to shore.

Lamont Carr, who has been attending dentistry school in the Army at Ft. Sam Houston, has just graduated highest in his class. His new orders assign him to Ft. Bliss at El Paso, Texas.

The James B. Gleasons and McCoys were visited by the Don Clowards of Amarillo, Texas, with their children, Betty Jo and Don. Also visiting are the Fred C. Gleasons, of Fresno, son of James B.

Virginia Wood is enjoying a pleasant reunion with her mother, Mrs. R. F. Ballou, and two sisters, Carol and Susan, who are visiting from Arlington, Va.

Babies blessed last month were Robert Allan Burdett, son of Bob and Lois Burdett, and the daughter of Joe and Audrey Peterson.

Walnut Creek

Classrooms Ready Chapel Being Rushed For Early Completion

By Verna Mayfield

About a year ago the ground was broken for the new chapel on Overlook Drive in Walnut Creek. This month will see the use of the classrooms. To date the main chapel has most of its frame work completed, enabling a full complement of workmen to turn their efforts in that direction. Basic landscaping has been done. The workers of the ward will get the main chapel ready for assemblies in the not-too-distant future, we hope.

The MIA has been reorganized. The leaders for the young women's organization are Ione Buskirk, Vertina Fjellstrom, Avon Phillips, Norma Carlson and Alice Curtis; for the young men's organization they are: Stanley Weeks, Bal Evans, Jim Duffin and Don Jewkes.

The two wards, Pleasant Hills and Walnut Creek, will be meeting the coming year on Tuesday instead of Thursday. Present plans are for a meeting at the new chapel site.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Recent ward activities include skating parties, picnics, bowling parties, weiner roasts, and a week at the Lialohaa Lodge. Sister Marjean Williams and Josephine Monaco were the leaders of the group at the Lodge. Girls who enjoyed the week were: Bonnie Clark, Sharon Steele, Pat Monaco, Anna Lee and Jeannett Smith.

The Walnut Creek Ward welfare canning got off to a big bang on July 13, at the Stake Welfare Canneries. It very gratifying to see the large number of members that turned out. The Bishopric would like to say "Thank you" to those that participated. It is this type of turn-out to the canning that does the work out and lined in one night's time, rather than stringing it out for several nights.

Berkeley Stake

The Andy Gardners Leaving Soon; Destination Unsure

The Andrew Gardner family are sure of only one thing—that they will complete his U.C. work on a doctorate degree in September or October. They are almost sure they will not remain in Berkeley. They are not at all sure what position and where Andy will accept. It may be in Livermore, Stanford, or any one of a half dozen positions. The ward regrets losing our genial chorister and his excellent family and new baby.

Ed Pyle made a flying round trip to the Lake Tahoe area July 11 by special request. He took pictures of the Sunday School held on the shores of Lake Tahoe. The Stake girls and their leaders also the campsite. Ed took his two children, Portia and Phillip, to L. B. Ball. Leaving at 4:30 a.m., they report a glorious ride thru a perfect dawn, returning also in the cool of a perfect evening. Nearly all the girls will receive a large photograph of the group gathered around in the open air Sunday School amid the pines and the mountains, which the MIA Stake Pres. Kirke Decker conducted. Sacrament was administered by A. D. Erickson and I. B. Ball. Short sermonettes were delivered by Darrell Westover, M-Men leader, and A. D. Erickson. Singing was led by Enid Young.

A birthday anniversary party was held for Patrinati I. B. Ball on his 74th birthday, July 17, at the home of his daughter, Marcelle and her husband Ray Karpus, on 63rd Street, Oakland, in Claremont Ward. Also present to greet Brother and Sister Ball were Russell and Hazel Ball of Livermore, and their family of four.

Rodeo Ward

Relief Society Enjoy Meeting At Robert Kersey Home

By Una Ellsworth

The Relief Society of our ward met at the El Sobrante home of Nelma Kersey, Tuesday, July 13th. A pot-luck luncheon was served at noon with a good crowd. The Ladies sewed in preparation for the annual Fall bazaar.

Many have been busy lately, canning apricots at the welfare center in El Cerrito.

The "cots" were large and beautiful.

The Junior Sunday school has been organized in our ward and Marilyn Kersey sustained as coordinator.

Three young ladies from our ward attended the stake girls' camping for a week in early July at Lialoma Lodge.

Making the trip were Arnie Lane, Carolyn Higbee and Wilma Bird, with their leader, sister Kay Ballard, YWMIA president.

Elmae Lane is recovering at her home in El Sobrente from an appendectomy.

Our Relief Society served a bountiful dinner in late June to the Masonic lodge of Pinole. The money realized will be used for a welfare fund.

Arizona. Their first child was recently ordained a deacon.

Spencer Clark, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark, was baptized in June.

Ruth Davidson, daughter Deanne, Jackson, and son Steve, of the U.S. Navy, stationed in Long Beach, motored to Rexburg, Idaho recently to their aunt and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson.

On recent annual vacation from their duties at Union Oil Company, Oleum, were the Dale and Ruel Wanlass family of Bountiful, Utah and visited relatives and friends.

The last week of their vacation was spent at Demingo Springs and in the mountains in the northern part of the state.

Bishop T. Leon Fitt and family are home from an annual vacation spent in Utah. Dr. Fitt is associated with the American Smelter at Selby.

Pleasant Hill

"Touch of Italy" Depicted By Primary At July 24th Fete

By Dora Friedrich

Cute dishes busy making spaghetti and pizza pies; gondolas, organ grinders, and monkeys—all mounted on floats for the Primary children's parade during the 24th of July Pioneer Days festivities, brought a touch of Italy to the Mount Diablo high school grounds, when the Berkeley Stake honored our courageous pioneer ancestors.

Commentary was made on Lorenzo Snow and the part he played in spreading the gospel in Italy.

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Bishop's Message — The long (Continued on Page Seven)

Martinez

The Steve Abbotts, George Mosiers Move From Martinez

by Alva Mae Farsyth

Martinez Ward members are sorry to loose a number of fine families. In September the Abbotts, Steve, Mildred and their three youngsters are moving to Anacortes, Washington, where Steve will continue his work with the Shell Oil Company.

The George Mosier family has moved to Fort Bragg, California, where George, formerly 2nd counselor to Bishop Evenson and an M-Men teacher, has accepted a new position.

Ralph Barney will leave for San Jose State College, working for his teaching certificate. His wife, Nita, who has done such fine work with the nursery class will accompany him.

Bob and Sally Ann Bohn are being welcomed into the Ward. Bob graduated from BYU this Spring and is working at Shell Chemical Company at present. In the fall they expect to return to Provo where Bob will do graduate work at BYU.

The MIA recently held its first barbecue on the new barbecue pit which was built in memory of Gayle Roskelley, who died in the Korean War.

The primary group is very much pleased to have Sally Bohm helping with the children this summer. The primary staged a "Day of July Party." The theme was the "Chinese Festival Parade." The largest undertaking was a Dragon made by the boys of the Primary.

Martinez was represented on the Stake Camping trip by 17 girls and 3 adults. Tom Martinez scouts went on the trip to Wolfhoro.

East Richmond

Life Sketches Given Of Ward Members

by Alaine Weightman

Vernon Tipton, his wife and children moved into our ward about two years ago, and have contributed much to the activity and happiness of our ward members. Elder Tipton has worked in the Sunday school and in the bishopric. Norma has worked in the Relief Society, Primary, and Sunday school organizations.

Vernon's home was shot down in World War II over enemy territory and he was a prisoner of war one year.

In 1943, Vernon married Norma, who was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. Their first child was 17 months old before Vernon saw her.

After the war, Vernon went to school at the USAC and BYU, graduating in 1949 with a master's degree. He went back into the service doing medical research.

Now we sent here to continue his studies toward a PhD in medical entomology. They are now moving to Springville to settle down. Vernon is going to Korea for the government.

EVENT

Nettie Jo Cates was born in Wallace, Idaho. She moved here with her father and married Joseph Sears. Her husband is now in the U.S. Air Force. Elder and Mrs. Both confacted her in Nebraska, and she was baptized in January.

Bruce and Bernice McIntyre are natives of Sonoma County, California. Bernice is an accomplished musician. Bruch works in the steel industry as a layout man. Gerrick heard of the Church while in high school but became interested when she met and worked with James Richardson in musical work.

Phillis Jean Banks was born in Canada and came to the United States when she was two. Her husband works for a Vallejo newspaper, and he usually works at Gerrick Freight lines. They have four children.

Harry Shores, 18, is a foster son of David and Ruth Yancy. He is very talented in music, winning first rating on his band in school, first place in a roller derby and was it at Camp Wolfhoro counselor.

I wanted to say more about the following persons but was unable to contact them: Mike Mikich and family, Thomas Wayne Wilson, and Julia Friddle.

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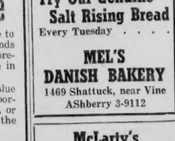

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

AUGUST
5 Thurs.—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
16 Mon.—MIA Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
21 Sat.—Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel, 8:00 p.m.
28 Sat.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
29 Sun.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

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Berkeley Stake Activity Calendar

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

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14 Sat.—Stake Young People's Dance - Claremont Ward, 8:30 p.m. Sponsors - Stake M Men-Gleaner Council
18 Wed.—Explorer - Mia Maid Summeree Party, 6:00 p.m., Martinez Park, Martinez.
21 Tues—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Party (Time and Place to be announced).

SEPTEMBER
4 Sat.—Stake Young People's Dance - Claremont Ward, 8:30 p.m. Sponsors - Stake M Men-Gleaner Council
13Sat.—Stake Young People's Dance - Claremont Ward, 8:30 p.m. Sponsors - Stake M Men-Gleaners Council.
17 Fri.—Jr. Gleaner Party, Home of Dr. Emery R. Ranker, 7:30 p.m.
25 Sat. Stake Young People's Dance - Claremont Ward, 8:30 p.m. Sponsors - Stake M, Men-Gleaners Council.

SPECIAL NOTICE
Berkeley Stake Road Shows are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 1 & 2, 1954.

Discouragement

The Devil announced once upon a time that he was thinking of resigning from salesmanship and would offer all of his personal inventions for sale to anyone willing to pay now the price. On the day of the sale the tools were all attractively displayed. In spite of the ugliness of the most of them: Malice, Hatred, Envy, Deceit, Cowardice, and all instruments of the Evil one were spread out, each marked with it's price.

Apart from the rest lay a plain, much worn tool. It was much higher priced than any of the others. Someone asked the Devil what it was. "That's Discouragement," was the reply. "Why such a price you put such a high price on so simple a tool?" The Devil answered, "Because it is more useful to me than all of the others. When once inside a man I can use him in whatever suits me best. It is much worn because I have used it on nearly everybody, yet very few know it belongs to me."

So it came to pass that the Devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it and is still using it.

'Touch of Italy'

(Continued from Page Six)

hoped-for time when we can hold meetings in our own building is now at hand. Of course, we will use the class-room section first, but it will provide splendid facilities compared to former class-rooms.

We are deeply appreciative of the fine work that has been done this far. Now we should bend our efforts toward speedy completion of the main part of the building.

We must also strive in every way to bring a feeling of reverence to our new building. This will require the cooperation of all.

Joseph Roy Hillen, Bishop

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Looking for a super saleswoman? Wanda Hilton might well qualify. Seems as though, single-handed, she sold 143 tickets for our recent musical given to benefit the building fund.

Some other "super salesmen," the Primary Trail Builders, celebrated their honor of having sold the most tickets in Primary by treating the Home Builders to luncheon, swimming and boating at the Rod and Gun Club.

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Whoa, now — don't rush out and buy your Christmas cards yet! Maurine Person, Primary president, says that the Primary will be selling greeting cards, wrappings, etc., again this year.

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No better time than right now to welcome to our membership newly baptized youngsters Thomas Vern Del' Ergo, James Robert Swanson and John Leland Wells.

That pleasant institution "Roll" bit several Pleasant Hill Ward families this month, in both entertaining and being entertained.

Bob and Joanne Chalmers and their chillins enjoyed a weekend at Yosemite Park.

Leaving page was Howard home to Ranch,' Red Pierce and children visited in Salt Lake City.

Evelyn and Lee Tuebe spread the "welcome mat" for Evelyn's mother, Mrs. Moody of Portland, Oregon.

Beth Whipple of Phoenix, Arizona, visited for a week at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Netta and Von Nielsen. We're happy to report that Netta is recovering nicely from recent surgery.

A "swell time"—that's a pun folks—was had by Paul Oram when he, Dorothy and the kids had to cut a camping trip short when Paul got the mumps!

Silly, side-splitting games and delicious, delectable food made an evening of fun for the ward members who attended the recent barbecue held at the home of Ellen and Les Swayze.

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Lehi Expedition Fate Explained By One Of The Raft Adventurers

Keith Pope, first mate aboard the Lehi, sat in the Messenger office late in July and left with us the following story of the Lehi raft on its ill-fated attempt to float to Hawaii:

We had a lot of tough luck. We should have stuck around a few more days to outfit properly and to get ourselves in better physical condition.

But, as it was, we put to sea with the Edith A towing us and the tow line broke before we were out far enough.

It was a miracle we survived that first night. Cut loose too close to the Gate, we wound up in a dense fog and right in the middle of what seemed to be a convoy of merchant ships headed for San Francisco.

One freighter loomed out of the fog and missed us only 30 feet. Her wash broke over our deck as she went by.

CATCHES SALMON

Saturday we sat around out there with the fishing boats and got our gear squared away. We started to fish and I caught a six-pound salmon, which we cooked and ate.

Baker assigned the watches—we stood three on at a time—and we got pretty well organized.

We got well under way Saturday night and headed south. I want to emphasize that our plan was to head south—we wanted to go that way to hit warm waters and to pick up westerly winds south of Point Arguello.

I think it was Monday that Smith first decided that I was going to be put ashore. He claimed he had a cold and the flu and was running a temperature. We weren't medical men. We couldn't tell.

ALL A BIT SICK

Actually, all of us were a little sick except Baker. He was the only one of his whole crew. But if Smith was seasick he was actually nauseated only once.

But we all decided that if he wanted to get off we would put him off. You need cooperation and good spirits to make a trip like that. If he didn't like it after two days, why keep him on for six weeks.

Then at that point, Baker decided to stay near the coast and transfer Smith to the first boat that could get to us. The crew four of us had no desire whatsoever to get off.

In order for a boat to get to us, Baker gave Smith permission to keep in contact with Dr. Fearon and arrange for a boat to come out. The voice radio was out and no one could read Morse code, so we just emulated Smith to send the right thing.

MESSAGES MONITORED

Some time later, though, we started to monitor the voice radio transmissions coming back to us from the operators ashore. Even then, we still didn't understand fully what kind of radio messages Smith was putting out.

The only trouble was that the relief boast never did make contact with us. They didn't come out far enough. We were much farther off shore than they thought.

FOUNDED BY SEA

All day Wednesday we took a terrific pounding from the ocean. A seam that had split while we were at Pier 43 in San Francisco began to open and we began to take on water. We probably could have gotten along, but pumping and bailing would have weakened us.

We had a little conference and decided that because of Smith's wanting to get off and because the leak was getting worse, we had better send an SOS and head toward shore.

I must emphasize again that we knew exactly where we were and that we were headed for the coast when we were rescued. We were 100 miles at sea when we sent the first SOS and had come 40 miles toward the coast when we were picked up.

We sent the first SOS Wednesday night and eight hours or so later, we saw lights. They turned out to be the Metapan. That skipper did a magnificent job. He stood off and worked his way in very smoothly and cautiously.

VOICE FROM SHIP

As the ship got alongside, a voice hoomed through a megaphone, "Just survivors, no equipment."

Boys, that meant several thousands of dollars worth of equipment and a lot of work and planning was being abandoned. But from our understanding of what the people on the ship had said, the Conost Guard was nearby and was going to take the Lehi in tow. If we had known that they had any intention of sinking the raft, at least one of us definitely would have stayed aboard.

The only things we got off were my glasses and a movie camera.

Well, now it's all over. But if the Lehi were ready to start out again tomorrow I would be just as ready to go again as I was on July 9.

FEW CHANGES

There aren't too many things that I would want to be changed. The crew would have to be in better physical condition — that's most important. I lost 14 pounds before we got to sea but it was enough. I lost another 13 pounds in the six days we were at sea. And I'd like to have our equipment in a little better order.

But I still would go again without taking food or drinking water. Food isn't too important—it's just that you have to be in good physical condition.

If they sink the Lehi, well I'd still like to go again—on a new raft. But that is going to cost a tremendous amount of money and I don't know where it will come from.

From the discussion on July 22, Mr. Pope told us that very little water was drawn from the small evaporators. He stated that each member had only an average of one pint of water during the whole seven days at sea.

Mr. Pope also told of how several cans of beans and some extra bread had been taken aboard by De Vree Baker, unknown to the crew. As the crew was getting ready to turn back, Baker pulled out the extra food, mixing the beans with some sea water which he had previously been heated by the use of a Coleman stove. The water tasted very sweet, and as a result of drinking too much, the crew members became sick.

Mr. Pope will soon leave on a vacation during which he hopes to clear his mind and think through the next money and future of the Lehi expedition.

Berkeley Stake MIA, Ward Leaders Listed At Summer Camp

Our MIA scheduled their first MIA girls' camping experience for July 7-12 at the new Lialhona Lodge Campsite in the Stanislaus National Forest.

STAKE CAMPING LEADERS

The nine YWMIA stake leaders of the successful 1954 camping outing for junior girls were: Pres. Alma Deane Feller; Activity Counselor Mickey Olson; Dance manager Thelma Giovanini; Mia Maid Leader Enid Young; Jr Gleaner Leader Faye Lloyd; Bee-Keeper Maxine Hilton; Camp Director, Bette Lanes; Beekeepers Marjean Williams and Jeanne Wright.

WARD CAMPING LEADERS

The fifteen ward leaders who lived with their respective ward groups in camp were:

Reva MacFarlane Jr., Pittsburg Ward; Hilda Rodella, Antioch; Sarah Deodema, Pittsburg; Mable Wyler, Pittsburgh; Kay Ballard, Rodeo Ward; Betty Maynard, Concord Ward; Bessie Duke, Martinez; Dorothy Burgess, Martinez; Betty Lou Evans, Martinez; Billie Carman, Richmond Ward; Essie Carman, Camp Nurse, Richmond; Ruth Yancy, East Richmond Ward; Erma Clark, Claremont Ward; Jo Monico, Walnut Creek Ward; Gail Larsen, Berkeley Ward.

Vallejo First

5th Annual Caravan Conestoga Wagons To Pioneer Points

by LaRue A. Powell

At this time the reporter is writing while on vacation among the tall pines near Echo Lake.

While enroute to Tahoe Valley, we were detained on Highway 50 by many time pioneers from Nevada and California who filed by our auto in their creaky Conestoga wagons, stage-coach and palomino horses in the fifth annual Wagon Train Caravan trek across the Sierras.

The Nevadans were to have left Friday night and made camp at Genoa, Nevada's first white community which was early known as "Mormon Station." They met up with the California party at Stateline, Lake Tahoe. Some horsemen may leave the caravan and will follow trails into Desolation Valley and other wild portions of this area.

Stops made by the wagons will be at rebuilt Pony express and stage-coach stations with Placerville (sometimes called "Hangtown") the last stop on Saturday, July 24th.

Car corn ward will remember that eventful day and pay tribute to the LDS pioneers by celebrating at Blue Rock Springs.

Mutual superintendent Reed Jensen and President Joan Lewman invites all mutual-age groups to participate in summer lessons and activities.

June Hullander, Primary president, encourages parents to send their children on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for classes in dancing and crafts.

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Petaluma

Robert Ricker Weds Ruby Early in Temple

by Virginia Terribilini

Among the headline features from Petaluma is the wedding on June 24th in the St. George Temple of Robert Ricker and Ruby Earley with Pres. Show officiating. Witnessing the happy occasion were Bish. McArthur, proprietor of a bakery there and close friend of the groom during the time he lived in St. George 17 years ago; Bro. McArthur's wife, former employee of the groom; also Helen Brockbank and John and Tenney of Petaluma. After the ceremony Bro. and Sis McArthur presented the newly weds with a beautiful wedding cake from their bakery.

Bro. and Sis. Bryson Cook, brother and sister-in-law of Helen Brockbank, gave a wedding luncheon.

They traveled to Bryce and Zion Parks and Southern California before returning to Petaluma. When Bro. Ricker was a little boy he hadn't enlightened him on the Gospel while employed by him, she has since been baptized and touched the hearts of the group quieted down in order.

The leaders, however, were not very much disturbed by this "nocturnal talking" because of the close companionship it developed girls with each other, and girls with leaders. One night, the leaders "serenaded" the girls with lullabies, singing from campsite to campsite singing as they went.

Sleeping Under the Stars

The girls slept in separate groups under the stars until the last night; when all were brought together in the Palo Alto chapel for a last close experience of "being together." On this last night, as each leader said prayers over the girls, she handed out a candy-bar as that night's treat.

Have you ever seen well over a hundred girls get together, in harmony, filled with the spirit of love and companionship, settling down to sleep together, secure in the knowledge that their Father in heaven was watching over them? It was an experience that the leaders of the group will never forget.

The morning after the girls arrived, they were awakened with a bugle call at 7:00. Morning devotional came at 7:30, and breakfast at 8:00. Bette Jones, the Stake camp director, was always standing at the campfire when the girls came together in the morning, and before song and prayer she announced the day's activities, which were all under her capable direction. She also announced the duty assignments, and took care of the day's business. Then song, exercise, and prayer ended finally breakfast! Camp inspection was held at ten o'clock, and various activities from ten until two-thirty lunch, and free time until two. Activities from two until four, and dinner at six. By the time campfire was finished, the girls all felt they had had a full, active, satisfying day.

Sunday School in the Forest

Sunday in the forest was a precious experience. Superintendent Elder Deedee, under the direction of the stake presidency, conducted Sunday school and sacramental service. Our beloved Stake Patriarch, I. B. Ball, came up especially for the Sunday service and brought with him Eddie Pyle to take pictures. Darrell Westover and his wife, and Norma Decker and her granddaughter, Sharon, were the other visitors. Brother Ericksen and Brother Westover spoke to the group, following remarks by Brother Decker.

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Santa Rosa Ward

Eighty Girls, Leaders Enjoy Garden Party

by Gwen Griffiths

A very successful party was held in the home of stake girls' camp leader Cullen Petersen. The Japanese motif was carried through—out with lanterns in the garden. Eighty girls and teachers were in attendance. Each ward put on a skit depicting the pioneers and themselves. Ten silver gleaners were honored and received their awards. Everyone agreed that a fine spirit was manifest.

Louise Arntsen of Santa Rosa Ward gave a "Special Interest Group" starlight party at the

BOOK OF MORMON INSIGHT VOICED By DR. SIDNEY B. SPERRY

Choice insights into inner and deeper meanings and shades of interpretation were voiced by Dr. Sidney B. Sperry in the three two-hour lectures he delivered in the Hayward chapel, July 12-14, 1954. Some of these highlights which are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger are gathered together here for students of the Gospel.

1. The word lahona is probably composed of Ia, meaning "to the Lord," and hona, meaning "direction or compass." The word liahona, therefore, may be rendered "To the Lord is direction."

2. The Third Nephi is truly the American Gospel, rather than a Fourth Gospel, a sacred composition which complements the gospels of the New Testament. It is an American continent witness that Jesus is the Christ and that His words must be heeded.

In the Third Nephi, 2500 men, women and children unitedly bear positive testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ (III Nephi 17:25).

3. Jesus never has appeared personally to the Gentiles (III Nephi 15:23). This is in fulfillment of the covenant made by the Lord to Abraham: ". . . and in thy seed after thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of eternal life." (Abraham 2:11.)

4. The ten lost tribes of Israel are together, and are a distinct people. To them Jesus went and ministered and they heard His voice and were numbered among his sheep the same as the Nephites (III Nephi 16:1-4).

5. The four main divisions of the Book of Mormon are: (a) small plates of Nephi, six books: I Nephi to Omni; (b) Words of Mormon (1 chapter); (c) Mormon's literary labors (Mosiah, Alma, Helaman, Mormon 1-8); (d) Moroni's literary labors (Ether, Moroni, and Mormon 8 and 9).

6. The III and IV Nephi were each called simply "Nephi" in the first edition of the Book of Mormon. Orson Pratt added the Roman numerals III and IV in 1879 when he was authorized to divide the text of all the Book of Mormon into chapters and verses.

7. The Nephites were righteous and lived the united order for 167 years following the Savior's visit to them in A.D. 34. Then dissension broke out, the dissenters taking upon them the name "Lamanite," a title they were as entitled to as "Nephites" as those who did not dissent. This 167 years is a longer period than the U.S. has been a nation (1789 plus 167 equals 1956).

8. I Nephi:13 foreshadows American history.

9. The two great enemies of freedom and the Church of Christ in the latter days are forcefully as: (a) a great political conspiracy;

(b) the great and abominable church.

Our Correspondents Make Frank Statements

Each month our Horace B. Burgon, editor of the Messenger feature, "Burgon's Bungled Sentences," receives a score or more interesting replies and comments.

Coming from five states, these letters arrived in one month recently from Hayward, Boyes Hot Springs, Calif.; Pittsburg, San Francisco, San Leandro, Vallejo, Berkeley, Alameda, Pocatello, Idaho; San Pablo, Richmond, Martinez and San Mateo.

"I read the Messenger and enjoy it very much" begins one letter from an Oakland lady, while a Hayward sister adds, "I think it is a fine idea to have a Church newspaper in the Bay Area." From Boyes Hot Springs comes the comment, "The paper is getting better all the time."

"I sincerely think this (bungled sentence) quiz contest will stimulate the LDS toward reading the books of our Gospel as well as building home libraries."

From Vallejo comes this sentence, "I certainly do enjoy working them (scrambled sentences) and hope you will continue writing them in the Messenger."

"I just received the Messenger and turned immediately to your article" says a San Pablo housewife.

"I love the Messenger and also enjoy reading Church books," states an Oakland 5th Ward reader, and a San Leandro sister comments, "We should have more of these (bungled sentences). They're better than cross-word puzzles."

"Really look forward to the Messenger each month with the new scrambled sentence," says another San Pablo lady.

"I enjoy reading the Messenger and I enjoy puzzles and contests," adds a sister in San Mateo.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

Ukiah Ward

Wee Beauty Contest Highlights 24th Fete

by Ruth LeRoy

Pioneer Day was celebrated in the Ukiah Ward with an all-day picnic. Members of the ward gathered at the municipal park at 11 a.m. and the fun began. At 1 p.m. a potluck dinner was spread on the picnic tables and every one enjoyed a hearty feast after which games were played by both young and old. The highlight of the day was the beauty contest.

There were no rules as to the attire of the contestants or the pose which they assumed in order to attract favorable consideration, and each contestant, having displayed some mannerism or feature worthy of note, was awarded a prize. The only rule enforced upon the contestants was the age limit which was that the young ladies must be between the ages of one and three years inclusive. Prizes for the little beauties were big balloons on a wand.

Games included all the popular races, a softball and a baseball game and other games.

After a full day of fun at the park, the members of the ward gathered at the recreation hall where a short entertainment was staged followed by dancing.

STAKE SUMMERES

The Ukiah ward Mia Maids and Explorers expect to attend the stake summeree in a body on Aug. 13.

On July 13 the Ukiah ward Relief Society enjoyed an especially fine spirit at the regular work meeting and a delicious potluck luncheon.

The Ukiah ward "Singing Mothers" are busily preparing for their participation in the musical program of the Stake Relief Society convention to be held on Aug. 13.

Sister Ida Middleton, Primary association president for the Ukiah ward, announces that Marilyn Olden (who came to Ukiah from Arizona to teach in the Layton-ville and this fall, and Idell Wolf have been added to the Primary teaching staff.

The officers and teachers of the Primary honored sister Carla Rhodes with a stork shower on July 25. Sister Rhodes teaches the 9-plot class in Primary.

VACATIONING IN NEVADA

Dixie Wolf, a member of the Primary teaching staff is vacationing in Nevada with her uncle and aunt, Edd and Mrs. Elmer Southwick, who are the parents of a baby girl. The little one, second girl in the family besides her sister Dianne, has five brothers who greeted her with a joyous welcome.

Mrs. David Spencer took the children to Twin Falls where they spent a month visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Spencer joined them there and the family then went to Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon, Manti, Zion National Park, Lake Tahoe.

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Robert R. Gros of San Francisco, manager of Pacific Gas and Electric Co., and president of the Advertising Association of the West, and former Utahn.

Theodore S. Peterson, president of Standard Oil of California, is a former Logan, Utah, citizen, now a member of Palo Alto Ward, who served as a missionary for the Church as a young man. He is a brother of Thelma Gardner, wife of Le Roi B. Gardner, former bishop of Berkeley First Ward.

Berkeley Stake

Stake Relief Society New President Mrs. Irene Ranker

The Relief Society presidency of Berkeley Stake was reorganized as announced at the Stake Priesthood meeting July 18. Released with a hearty vote of thanks for services rendered were Pres. Vera H. Mayhew, and counselors Maybelle M. Thurston, and Ellen Haddock.

Sustained as the new stake president was Irene Ranker, counselor until counselors La Verne Rock and Ellen Haddock. Grace Hall, stake secretary and the full board remains as now constituted until changes are made necessary.

Sister Mayhew is making a good recovery from an operation on his hand in late May. The report is that she will resume his medical practice in the near future.

Visitors at the Ranker home in Lafayette for the summer is their daughter Mrs. Jean Gardner and her two baby girls.

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Camping training given at San Mateo, May 1954; Standing, Clifton D. Boyack (sup. Camden-Redwood Camp); Paul Petty, San Mateo Scout Commissioner, (giving demonstration); Verda Tilford, Santa Rosa Camp Director; Ruth Bentley, Palo Alto Stake Camp Director; Betty Jones, Berkeley Stake Camp Director.

Another picture of YWMIA general board and local Board members attending the regional camping training institute at San Mateo, May 1954. Left to right, Thelma Giovanini, Berkeley Stake director; Joyce Roberts, general board member; Ruth Bentley, Palo Alto Stake camp director; and Gladys Harbertson, chairman of the camping committee of the general board.

Berkeley First

Fred Huish Better After Heart Attack

Fred (Hackie) Huish is convalescing at home after a heart attack which kept him in the Alta Bates Hospital for two weeks in mid-July. It seems that a month or two of rest will be needed for a complete recovery.

Wanda Harmon returned July 21 from a visit with her father, 82, and other relatives in Salt Lake City. Her father (also the father of Cliff Boyack) is confined to his home with a heart condition, but is cheerful despite some bodily distress and sorrow over the loss of his wife. It was very hot in Salt Lake, Wanda said.

Fred Harmon was taken to Los Angeles on business in early July.

La Verne Rock has been called to serve as second counselor in the new Berkeley Stake Relief Society presidency.

A Friendship Tour To Hawaiin Islands Led by Capt. Minson

A Mormon Friendship tour from the California mainland to Hawaii, to be led by Captain Roy Minson, veteran trans-Pacific flier and member of the Fifth ward, Oakland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will depart from Oakland September 6, 1954 for eight days in the mid-Pacific paradise, it was announced as we go to press. The tour, to be conducted in cooperation with Transocean Air Lines, the pioneer international charter and irregular carrier, will return to Oakland September 13, according to the announcement.

Patterned after the immensely popular Taloa Friendship tours, the "package" price of $285.80 per person, including tax, includes roundtrip transportation between Oakland and Honolulu by Transocean's de luxe "Royal Hawaiian," hotel accommodations at the beautiful Nimmalu on Waikiki Beach, an authentic native lau, an outrigger canoe ride and sightseeing trips. The program is specially arranged to provide plenty of free time for sun-tanning on the beach, swimming and other individual interests, it was pointed out.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Reservations Department, Transocean Air Lines at Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, LOckhaven 9-2323.

Book Of Mormon Distribution In No. Calif. Mission

The Northern California Mission reports the following number of Books of Mormon distributed during June 1954:

Cecil L. Lee, Fresno, 13; Val R. Calaway, San Joaquin, 2; LaDean Healey, Monterey Bay, 12; Alberles L. Kennedy, Golden Gate, 11; David W. Jensen, San Joaquin, 10; David W. Freestone, San Joaquin, 9; Clyde M. King, San Joaquin, 9; Mary A. Wilson, Monterey Bay, 9; E. Drew Shumway, Fresno, 9.

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The sons and daughters of a former BYU geology professor, Edwin S. Hinckley, have established a $25,000 scholarship fund in his honor at Brigham Young University. Edwin C. Hinckley of Pittsburg, Calif.; Harold Walton, Provo; Claud W. Hinckley, Provo; Frederick R. Hinckley, Salt Lake City; John Hinckley, Boston; Evelyn Hinckley Durrant, Meridian, Ida.; George M. Hinckley, Provo; Angela Hinckley McKenzie, Philadelphia; and Robert H. Hinckley, New York City, a vice president of the American Broadcasting Company.

San Joaquin Stake Building Program

It is reported that within 18 months every ward and branch in the San Joaquin Stake will have its own chapel.

Already completed are church structures in Stockton First, Tracy and Modesto Wards. Under construction at present are LDS chapels in Oakdale, Turlock, Stockton Second. The latter is being built in connection with the new San Joaquin Stake tabernacle.

Plans are reported ready for starting construction on chapels for Brentwood, Ione, Lodi and Manteca.

San Joaquin Stake reported LDS population of 3,000, the stake president being Wendell B. Mendenhall, with counselors Ernest Landward and Clifton A. Rooker. W. Aird Macdonald, former president of San Francisco and Oakland Stakes and founder and editor of the Messenger, is listed as stake building supervisor.

Brentwood Branch was formerly part of Berkeley Stake.

San Joaquin Stake MIA Representative Visit Liahona Camp

Four MIA workers and their children from Turlock and Modesto Wards, San Joaquin Stake, visited the Liahona campsite, Sunday, July 11.

At that time the Berkeley Stake girls' camp of 118 girls was in full swing. These San Joaquin MIA workers came to acquaint themselves with the campsite and also learn whatever they could about camping from the Berkeley campers.

Thomas and Leona Birchall of Turlock used to be active in Oakland Stake. The visitors were: Thomas D. Birchall, high councilor; Leona C. Birchall, Steven Birchall, John K. Birchall, Paul B. Birchall (from Turlock) and Maydn Andrew, president of the 2nd Quorum of Elders; Blythe Andrew, Carol Jean Andrew and Mary Jane Andrew, from Modesto.

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DINNER TABLES were well patronized and the new screened kitchen was kept busy and well-stocked during the Berkeley Stake camping period, July 7-12, at the Liahona campsite in the great Stanislaus Forest, 70 miles above Pinecrest. The new lodge is set amid towering pines and spruces which also hover over the campers at dinner time.

Burgon's Bungled Sentences Submitted By Readers

Since it is "The Messenger's" greatest desire to do good and promote happiness, we are glad that the little booklet, "In Memoriam" by J. A. Widtsoe, is fulfilling its mission so well. We have about three dozen left, and we are anxious to give them away. So for those who did not win in the contests we are offering one free with the purchase of each copy of "In A Sunlit Land". This is an autobiography of the Apostle Widtsoe. It is filled with romance, adventure, tragedy, and love for humanity. It really softens the heart.

For July responses, we have decided to issue two prizes. We reserve the right to issue as many prizes as we wish. So we have chosen one easy one and one just a little tougher. Congratulations to the winners, Sis. Mary Sanders, and Sis. Martha Fisher, both of Santa Rosa. Your books are on their way. May we hear from each of you upon their arrival.

Here are the sentences these two sisters submitted, "TEH WOL FO DOG ROF ISH RIHENDCL RESSAPSSU LAL TENDARUGN. SING?"

Now the tougher one: "AODTYS ASLITUSIP MANEAI AYM GIBNR A DAS KNAINAGN."

For the August issue several prizes will be given for unscrambling the above sentences and for the new scrambled sentences to be published which are submitted by our readers.

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Upon returning from Europe, the Morley family will reside again in Fresno, Utah. Dr. Morley will assume his teaching duties as Director of the Speech and Hearing Center at Brigham Young University.

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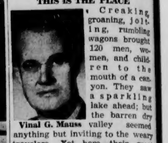

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. . . Creaking, groaning, jolting, rumbling wagons brought 120 men, women, and children to the mouth of a canyon. They saw a sparkling lake ahead; but the barren dry valley seemed anything but inviting to the weary travelers. Yet here their great prophet visualized a place of peace for his people and a garden that would blossom as the rose. "It is here we shall build our temple," breathed Brigham Young.

Latter-day Saints everywhere will give thanks to God for the shrine He provided and His protection against the harshness of the desert. For the steadfastness of our leaders to overcome obstacles and for the men and women who have courageously carried the gospel to every part of the world.

July 24th is a day of joy to us now as we meet to re-dedicate ourselves to the pioneer and the revelations inscribed on plates of gold. Be one with us, join in communion of spirit, lend your heart and hand to make July 24th a day we will remember, always.

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S.F. and Oakland Stakes Girls Camp Days Are Gay Days At Berkeley Cazadero Redwood Camp

By Rhea Gustavson

MIA MAIDS and BEE HIVE GIRLS of Oakland and San Francisco Stakes enjoyed their second annual week's encampment at Berkeley Cazadero Redwood Camp. Two hot buses and several cars were needed to carry the excited and enthusiastic group to their destination early Monday morning, August 30th.

Entering, the girls became better acquainted through songs and games and upon reaching the camp were assigned by Camp Director RICHARD McDONALD of Oakland to their cabins and were organized into units and groups.

San Francisco leaders and girls distributed a full program of the week's activities which they had prepared entitled, "Let's Remember," and which was the general theme of the camp. This program not only outlined the girl's activities but was in the form of a diary and included space for special notes, names and addresses of friends, etc. It also carried words to many of the songs used at camp. As a special handcraft activity, each girl made beautiful and attractive covers to help preserve it.

SPECIAL THEME DAILY

Each day also had a special theme. The first day was "Aloha."

Its special project was to help every girl get acquainted. As a part of the campfire program, Ida Maids who had previously made lanterns, greeted the Bee Hive Girls who in turn presented them with leis, also made by the girls.

The other day themes included, "Exploring New Horizons," "Frontier Day," "Talent Exchange Day," "Make-Believe," "Roundup Time," "Play Day," and "Inspiration Time" (Sunday.)

Each day began with an inspirational period which included a spiritual thought, flag ceremony, song and prayer. Each day closed with a wonderful campfire program developed around the day's theme.

MANY CAMPTIVITIES

Swimming, boating, cook-outs, hand crafts, demonstrations in nature lore, sports, games, folk dancing, fun with music, skits and stunts, with even a hayride, are some of the camptivities enjoyed by the girls.

It is hoped that under the heading of "Let's Remember," will be listed many new friendships, increased talents, spiritualized fun, a greater appreciation of our Heavenly Father's handiwork and a further developed testimony of the Gospel.

—Photo by Pyle Photography

THE PRESENT BISHOPRIC OF PITTSBURG WARD shown above, left to right, David F. Smith, ward clerk; Russell R. Cornelius, first counselor; William P. Furnell, bishop; and Daniel J. Ringle, second counselor; under new Pittsburg Ward's chapel dedicated, Sunday, Aug. 29, 1954 by elder saw Pittsburg Ward's chapel dedicated, Sunday, Aug. 29, 1954 by S. DilworthYoung of the First Council of Seventy.

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FIRST OUTSIDE-UTAH M I A CONFERENCE IS BOW TO CALIFORNIA STANDING

Temple Hill Inter Stake Center In Oakland Proposed For Joint Stake Tabernacle, Youth Center

Oakland and Berkeley Stakes would soon build and use a conjoint Temple Hill Inter-Stake Center, according to a proposal by the First Presidency of the Church, brought to the two stake presidencies early August by Pres. Stephen L. Richards, and Mark E. Peterson of the Council of Twelve. This was reported to the Berkeley Stake priesthood meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22, by Pres. W. Glenn Harmon.

The two General Authorities, together with architect Harold W. Burton, were taken to inspect the Berkeley site where the proposed stake tabernacle and joint chapel for East Richmond and Berkeley Second Wards were to have been built; also to the sites of the Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill chapel site. At the conclusion of this tour, Elders Richards and Peterson met at the home of Delbert F. Wright, with the two stake presidencies. At this meeting Pres. Richards revealed the above mentioned recommendations of the First Presidency for an inter-stake tabernacle and recreation center on Temple Hill in East Oakland, instead of independent stake houses as heretofore planned.

It was pointed out that the Church has discontinued single stake tabernacles as being too expensive and needlessly uneconomical; some have been built only 20 minutes apart.

It was stated that the burden of building new chapels in the Church is becoming very great, over 500 chapels being under construction at this time. It was pointed out that, in the Salt Lake City area, some dozen stakes still use the assembly hall for their conference sessions. Also that the Granite Stake House now serves stakes reaching across the Salt Lake Valley from the Wasatch to the Oquirrah mountains.

An urgent call came to the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes presidencies to come to the First Presidency's office August 13, to meet with the church architect and President Richards. Progress having been made towards acceptable planning, it was stated that, at the time of the Oakland Stake conference on September 4, 5, the architect's plans would be brought for further study.

After these steps are in more complete presentable form, it is proposed that a joint two-stake priesthood meeting be called for ratification. At this meeting it is hoped that General Authorities will be present.

In closing, President Harmon stated that the Authorities had favored the name Temple Hill Inter Stake Center and that facilities be provided for the youth of the entire East Bay area in its present state and future growth. Moreover, a more commodious and handsome joint stake Tabernacle would be erected on Temple Hill; then either stake alone could afford to provide, something everyone would be proud of.

If the plan is approved by the local priesthood it is hoped to start building soon after the first of the year. Ground leveling operations are already planned to begin early in September, 1954.

President Harmon stated his conviction that the Lord had not ceased to guide in the selection of a tabernacle site, altho several starts and stops have marked our local efforts. As it now turns out, we have more funds and better plans than if we had built at any earlier period.

Berkeley Second and East Richmond wards voted unanimously Sunday, August 29, to proceed forthwith with plans for erection of a joint chapel and recreation center on the acquired site on upper Arlington Avenue, Berkeley. Provision will be included for a stake presidency and high council room, Pres. Harmon added.

Santa Rosa Stake Holds Annual YWMIA Summer Camp For Girls On Historic St. Helena Campsite

Helen C. Brockbank

The third annual Summer camp for girls sponsored by the Santa Rosa Stake Y.W.M.I.A was held August 9 to 13th at White Sulpher Springs near St. Helena. Fifty girls and counselors made camp on the grounds of this once-famous resort, cooking over a camp stove and sleeping underneath the stars, drenched in moonlight.

White Sulpher Springs established in 1852, was for many years one of the famous fun spots of this area. Located on a 640-acre tract, a square mile, of lush virgin forest through which runs a beautiful creek bed. Many trails cut through the timber furnishing fine opportunity for hiking and adventure. In the cleared area are spaces for soft ball diamonds, horseshoe pitching, badminton, shuffle board and swimming in a large, beautiful pool. Through the courtesy of the owners of the now closed resort, our Y.W.M.I.A. was able to provide the girls of our stake with the finest camping experience of their lives.

Monday morning the girls were welcomed to camp which they renamed "Memory Grove" for their stay, by Verda Telford, stake camp director. After the girls had established themselves and their bed rolls, they were regrouped for camp duties. Each group chose its own name which were as follows: Zim Zam Zoomers, The Nervous Nuts, The 3 K's (Kitchen Kamp Kuties), The Jr. Mia Bees and the Lucky 7.

Sister Telford was general camp supervisor and also supervised all sports activities.

COOK MOST POPULAR PERSON

Under the able direction of Rhoda Orcutt the meals were prepared for the whole group over a camp stove. Sister Orcutt was proclaimed by the girls the most popular person in camp as manifest by the gusto with which they consumed their meals and heaped compliments on her afterwards.

Sister Twila Perry, Recreation group counselor, supervised the crafts which proved to be a very popular activity. Among the crafts taught were wood fiber flowers, handkerchief umbrellas, leather lacing, pair mache puppets, and shell work. Each girl also made an autograph book in which she collected the autographs of all the girls in camp.

Swimming and all activities around the pool were carefully supervised and watched over by Lois Telford, our life guard, whose past experience as a professional life guard gave the girls and leaders a real sense of security in the big pool.

One of the most popular spots in camp was the health center, where a registered nurse, Sister Naomi Cox, was on duty. Sister Activity Counselor, dispensed aspirin, bandaids and more technical treatment with efficiency and good judgment. The only serious mis-

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Colored Movie On Peruvian-Bolivian Ruins Announced

LE ROY A. BLASER

USAC Alumni Director, was formerly with U. S. Dept. of State assigned to Brazil.

"Early Empires of Ancient America" is the title of an illustrated public lecture in the Berkeley Chapel, Sept. 17, 1954. A colored Kodachrome movie on the archeological remains of one of the earliest civilizations of ancient America, which will be shown by LeRoy A. Blaser, director of public information and Alumni affairs of Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah.

Mr. Blaser was formerly attached to the United States Department of State and assigned to the Brazilian Ministry of Education. During his two-year assignment, he traveled in eleven of the thirteen nations of South America, and there gathered the materials and pictures for this lecture.

Many of the remains, he history presented and the culture of these civilizations is closely related to the history of the Book of Mormon people.

The ruins of the Pre-Incan civilization are situated primarily on the Alta-Plano region of the Andes situated in Bolivia. The lecture will also deal with the second phase of the culture commonly known as the Incan civilization, which came somewhat later, and had its primary headquarters in Peru. Mr. Blaser will relate evidences and point out evidences of the existence of these great civilizations and their destruction.

This lecture has been presented to several hundred people in various wards and stakes throughout the Church. It is a rare treat now come to the Bay area and is free admission charge. Come and bring your friends.

Anti-Mormon Lecture in Richmond Provides T. S. Ferguson Occasion For Book of Mormon Exposition

A large delegation of Richmond and Berkeley saints who had been attracted to the Church of Christ, Richmond, by press-advertised anti-Mormon lecture by Lloyd Moyer, August 18, 1954, were somewhat surprised and pleased to see the meeting turn into an occasion for a clear presentation by Elder Thomas Stuart Ferguson of the archeological evidences for the Book of Mormon.

Perhaps the reverend Lloyd Moyer was also surprised, tho not likely pleased, at the unexpected turn of affairs in the last half of a two-hour meeting in the Macdonald Avenue tabernacle of the Richmond Church of Christ.

August 17th, the Richmond Independent carried a two-column ad seven inches long, announcing:

"Is Mormonism of Divine Origin?" Hear Lloyd Moyer Discuss this Subject Wednesday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. Place, Church of Christ, 35th and Macdonald, Richmond.

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"No Contributions. This is Your Invitation."

The Rev. Lloyd Moyer, for eleven years a Church of Christ worker among the LDS of Southern Idaho, delivered a 50-minute talk attacking the position of the Church on the prophetic powers of Joseph Smith, Adam's fall being overruled for good, plural marriage, priesthood, doctrine of deity, correctness of the Bible, errors in the Book of Mormon, necessity of baptism, and many other points.

Finally, the reverend gentleman said he regretted that the Mormon Church declined to accept his standing invitation to debate the question of religion with him. Thereupon, T. S. Ferguson spoke up and said he would discuss Mormonism with him and was ready right now to do so.

With utmost courtesy, Brother Ferguson was invited to come forward and speak. For 45 minutes he spoke freely and lucidly upon the archaeological excavations and the old Maya written records which are beginning to pin-point the historical part of the Book of Mormon in arresting parallels.

The only exception to this line of discourse was when Elder Ferguson briefly dismissed the rambling anti-Mormon attacks of Rev. Moyer by pointing out that individual passages of scripture may be turned to suit the purposes of almost any argument. He added, however, that he had no doubt that the minister honestly believed in what he said.

AND WE HEAR THE DESERT SINGING; HILLS AND VALES AND MOUNTAINS RINGING

THE HILLS AND VALES IN WHICH HOLLYWOOD BOWL SITS were ringing with the largest chorus ever to perform in that famed Bowl as shown above singing at the gigantic music festival August 6, 1954. This festival of singers from Southern California stakes was held in connection with the great MIA Conference conducted by the MIA General boards for the 15 stakes in the Southland. Over 1480 voices and an orchestra of 83 pieces rendered glorious numbers before an audience of over 20,000 persons under a star-studded peaceful sky, more than twice the number that could have been accomodated in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. An original copy of this photograph was presented to the Messenger staff in Los Angeles by the publicity committee of the MIA Conference.

Photo by Vic Stein & Assoc., Hollywood

Personal Thoughts

Impression number one regarding two hours in an airplane from Oakland to Los Angeles on our way to the MIA Conference is that the birds have it all over the land animals in getting about. However, unless one can be sure of kind friends who are pleased to take time to meet the plane and pilot their car to dozens of meetings with you, one had best go by auto to MIA Conferences. That for sure.

We were blessed beyond measure by being entertained in the home of hearty MIA workers, the Bill Brindels of Pasadena. Perfect is the only word for it. Eating, sleeping, driving with them to the MIA festivities Saturday, and festivals by night for four days! Words can't express our appreciation. One of that happy group is the Bill's was Oakland Stake's MIA enthusiast, Rhea Gustavson. Mrs. Bird is Rhea's mother. Rhea lived for years in the Southland and knows "everything" there. We were able to meet scores of new friends thru Rhea's courtesy.

The great freeways in the Los Angeles area are marvelous boons indeed to drivers. Think of rolling at utmost comfort, and without stop signs, from Pasadena to Hollywood Bowl in 20 minutes.

Messenger Reporter Favored

We were received at the conference as a Messenger reporter. Rhea did the phone work and secured a windshield sticker for our car which took us right up to the reserved parking lot in front of the festivals and meetings.

For instance, we were seated in the guest stalls at the Hollywood Bowl right down front within a few feet of President and Mrs. McKay and other entourage of three apostles and their wives, and two assistants to the MIA.

It was worth a lot to sit so close as to be able to look into the President's radiant countenance as he stood and shook hands so cordially with the hundreds who formed a long queue and passed by his particular pew. Certainly was he gracious to the many children in that line-up. What memories they will carry with them for life!

Pre-Session Visiting

For an hour or more before each of the three great MIA festivals—the drama, the music, the dance—it seemed that everyone came to visit with friends after seating was taken care of. Thus, it was that Rhea helped me to see so many new friends. Here we had opportunity to secure interviews with leaders in the Southland as well as with some general MIA Board members. Could things have been more pleasant and fortunate for our purposes!

Pres. McKay has wonderous vitality. We wondered whether the long periods of handshaking each evening, and the hours of meetings conferences, and more handshaking, would weary him. But no! His two major addresses on Sunday were delivered with ease, poise and powerful voice and mien.

The most inspiring event of the MIA conference in August, we felt, was the Sunday morning meeting in Hollywood Bowl where President David lee Mc Kay conferred Southern California LDS chorus in sacred selections, and where President McKay delivered an impressive address.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Second to this in its power to uplift the spirit was the Sunday

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FIRST GENERAL MIA CONFERENCE EVER HELD OUT OF SALT LAKE CITY CONDUCTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Note: Unfortunately, relatively few of our readers are readers of the Church News—therefore have not had reports of the MIA August Conference in Southern California. Hence the Messenger reprints of Brandon's report below and herewith presents his observations with pictures he secured from photographers in Los Angeles.

The June MIA Conference sessions held annually in Salt Lake City were duplicated for the first time outside of that city, August 4 - 8, in Southern California. President David O. McKay, Apostles Mark E. Peterson and Le Grande Richard L. Evans, Richard R. Lyman and Hugh B. Brown and John Long den assistants to the Quorum of Twelve; and Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin of the Presiding Bishopric were featured speakers. Whether this Southland conference will be continued annually has not yet been determined.

Presiding at general sessions of the conference was Elbert R. Curtis and Bertha S. Reeder, heads respectively of the two general boards. Total registration at the departments meetings were 42 members of the two general boards. The three days of the Southland gatherings came Friday night with a grand music festival in Hollywood Bowl before 16,000 with the 3 p.m. Sunday session in the same bowl, presided over by Pres. McKay, and the Sunday afternoon meeting addressed by Pres. McKay in the auditorium of the East Los Angeles Junior College.

Topping attendance records at the more than 50 separate meetings of the four-day conference was the 20,000 who crowded into Hollywood Bowl for the music festival Friday evening, the 16,000 in the same bowl Sunday morning and the 12,500 who filled the East Los Angeles City College stadium for the festival Saturday night.

**Church Play, "Montrose Crossing